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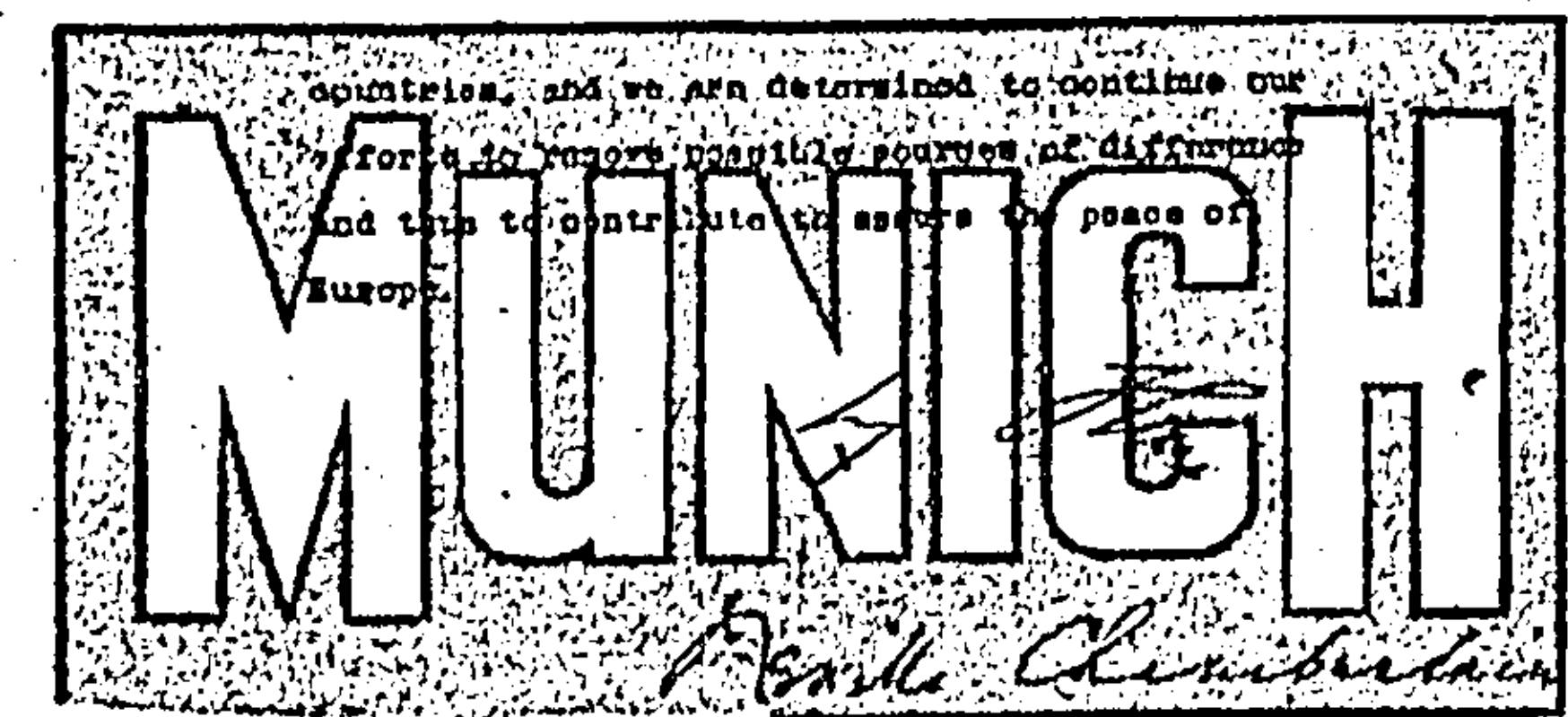
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War Office Confirms Withdrawal Of Allied Forces: German Forces Enter Andalsnes In Afternoon

ALLIES EVACUATE SOUTHERN NORWAY



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DEBATE ON WAR

Likely To Take Two Days Next Week

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—Reuter's Parliamentary correspondent learns that the debate in the House of Commons next week on the war will likely extend over Tuesday and Wednesday.

Gossip in the lobbies indicate that the House as a whole has agreed to suspend judgment until Tuesday and no longer.

The cheers which greeted Mr. Chamberlain's declaration that Norway was not to be a side show were the loudest heard all afternoon.

In short, it is clear that the House will have to be thoroughly convinced on Tuesday that whatever steps have been taken by then are justified.

Test For Cabinet

Those closest to the Ministers believe that their statements will carry conviction, though they do not disguise the recognition of the fact that Tuesday may prove a testing time for the Cabinet.

The attitude of the Labour Opposition up to now was reflected in Mr. Attlee's statement that the Labour members would have liked a full discussion on the issues raised. However, the safety of our men must be of paramount consideration.

Labour members do not feel inclined to exploit any situation whether military, naval or political, "if the last minute arises from adverse news."

Free Hand For Liberals

The Liberals prefer to retain a free hand.

Should next week's discussions invade the field of political consequences within the Government, one thing can be taken as certain from the attitude of the House to-day and that is namely, that the purpose of any pressure exerted on the Premier will be for the sole purpose of ensuring the best possible prosecution of the war.

There may be criticism. There is no wavering in the nation's purpose.

NOT AFRAID OF THE TRUTH

OTTAWA, May 2 (Reuter).—Commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's statement, the "Ottawa Journal" remarks that the British people are not afraid of the truth.

Mr. Chamberlain gave them the truth and while some of it may be unpleasant there was nothing in it to cause dismay, and much to give courage and confidence, the paper said.

BERKELEY, Calif. May 2 (UP).—Major General James McRae, 76, retired, ex-Commander of the Philippine Department, died here to-day.

BALKANS CALL UP TROOPS

Italian Forces On Yugo-Slav Frontier

British Warships Go To Mediterranean

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 2 (UP).—"An Allied battle fleet is already in the east basin of the Mediterranean en route to Alexandria, declared Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day.

He added that the "injuries to Germany have been so substantial as to permit an important redistribution of the main Allied fleet."

Hillier's next move may be to attack southeastern Europe, Mr. Chamberlain declared.

The Premier also predicted that Hitler may attempt a lightning sweep on Britain.

Greek Mobilisation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, May 2 (UP).—Ten classes of the reserve of Officers and certain specialists have been called to the colours for a month's training between May and August.

Yugo-Slav Precautions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, May 1 (Dunell).—The Yugo-Slavian Government has mobilized the Reservists in view of increased activities of the Italian troops along the border, according to a Press report from Belgrade.

Yugo Slavians troops called to the Colours now total 500,000.

U.S. Warning

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, May 2 (UP).—A lengthy discussion regarding U.S. shipping in the Mediterranean took place when Mussolini on Wednesday received the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips.

It is understood that the Ambassador informed Mr. Duce that if Italy is involved in war United States shipping in the Mediterranean will cease in conformity with the Neutrality Law.

United States circles here are of the opinion that such action would possibly prove to be of considerable harm to Italian trade.

The United States Ambassador was in conference with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister to-day.

Washington Talks

WASHINGTON, May 2 (Reuter).—The Italian Ambassador, Prince Colonna, conferred for 15 minutes with Mr. Sumner Welles, the Assistant Secretary of State, this afternoon and afterwards went to see President Roosevelt.

These conversations created considerable interest at the State Department.

Mr. Welles later told the State Department had received a full report from the Ambassador in Rome on his interview with Signor Mussolini.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, MAY 2. (UP).—THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALLIED FORCES FROM SOUTH NORWAY AND THE TRONDHEIM SECTOR IS NOW CONFIRMED BY AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE WAR OFFICE, WHICH SAYS THAT THE RETREAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN THE FACE OF "EVER INCREASING ENEMY STRENGTH."

The statement continues: "The Allied troops have successfully embarked at Andalsnes and other ports in the neighbourhood."

"This was done despite the enemy's incessant efforts to destroy these ports and their communications by air action."

Referring to the conflict in north Norway, the communique says: "In the Narvik area operations are continuing and Allied detachments have been in contact with the enemy. There is nothing further to report from Namsos."

Meanwhile a German High Command communique from Berlin says: "In the unresisted pursuit of the retreating English forces, German troops reached Andalsnes and raised the Reich flag there at 3 p.m. to-day."

The statement added that the Germans successfully bombed two British aircraft-carriers off the Norwegian coast on Wednesday, and at the same time bombed a British destroyer and brought down two planes which were trying to defend the ships.

In the same raid, said the communique, only one German bomber was lost.

RAIDS ON STAVANGER

R.A.F. Claim To Have Made Hits

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—It is learned authoritatively that during last night's raid on Stavanger a number of hits were registered in many parts of the aerodrome.

Several fires were started on the landing ground and in the adjoining woods where aircraft are known to be concealed.

The raid on Fornebu was made by the bombers which attacked Singara and bailed the defences by attacking from varying heights.

In addition to repeated hits on the aerodrome three large fires were started by incendiary bombs.

Japan And The European War

Enduring Policy Of Non-Involvement

TOKYO, May 2 (Reuter).—Japan's determination to maintain her policy of non-involvement in the European war was emphasised by the Prime Minister, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, in a speech to a conference of local governors to-day.

Admiral Yonai added: "Simultaneously we are paying close attention to the effects of the European war on East Asia, and we are taking appropriate steps whenever they are necessary. In such an international situation we must be fully prepared to face great difficulties both at home and abroad in fulfilling the great mission of building up a new order in East Asia."

Nazis In Andalsnes

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—A German High Command communique issued from Berlin to-day states that the Germans entered Andalsnes at 1 p.m. to-day.

German Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, May 2 (UP).—D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) to-day reports from the front:—"Norway, from Steinkjer through Trondheim, Bergen, Stavanger, Kristiansand and Oslo to the Swedish frontier is now in German hands."

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HARDY MEN OF THE DESTROYER HARDY



DRAMATIC RESCUE OF U-BOAT CREW



A hundred and thirty Officers and men of H.M.S. Hardy, the destroyer that ran aground in the first attack on Narvik, and men of H.M.S. Eclipse marching through London after their exciting adventures in Norway. About fifty of the Hardy's men landed when their ship grounded and captured 120 German sailors.—Copyright.

PREMIER TELLS HOUSE OF NEW FLEET MOVES, MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE—

German Navy Disaster Alters Entire Balance Of Power

LONDON, May 3 (Reuter).—Continuing his statement on operations in Norway in the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain said that in just over three weeks the German naval losses amounted to a serious figure.

They included two capital ships damaged, certainly three or four cruisers sunk, 11 destroyers sunk, five U-boats sunk and 30 transports and store ships sunk or scuttled.

The losses sustained by the Royal Navy in the same period were four destroyers, three submarines, a sloop and five trawlers. Five other warships were damaged by air attack and one store ship sunk by a U-boat torpedo.

It would seem from these figures, he said, that whereas the strength and efficiency of the Royal Navy had been little, if at all, affected, the injury to the German Navy had been so substantial as to alter the entire balance of naval power and to permit the important re-

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CITY HOLDUP

MR. DUBOIS IN GRAVE CONDITION

POLICE SEEKING TWO GANGSTERS

THE CONDITION of Mr. J. Dubois, Manager of Messrs. Sennet Freres, was this morning described as critical. He is not expected to live.

The Police are now scouring the Colony for two men wanted in connection with the sensational gangster raid on the well-known city establishment yesterday evening.

The following descriptions of the two wanted men, who are believed to have arrived here recently from Shanghai, has been circulated to all stations.

"Aged 25 medium height and build, hair cut short, and dressed in black serge European-style clothing. White Panama Hat and black European-style leather shoes. Believed to be a Cantonese."

"Aged 24, medium height and build, long thin face and sallow complexion. Hair cut American style, wearing revish-blue European-style serge clothing and Brown leather shoes. Native of Shanghai."

"This man is believed to be armed with a revolver."

One Man In Custody

One man is already in custody. He is now in hospital under police guard, suffering from a bullet wound in the right hand.

It is alleged that in his possession was found a revolver and three diamond rings valued at \$2,425.

The bullet wound is believed to have been inflicted when one of his companions commenced shooting indiscriminately in the jewellery establishment.

Contrary to reports published this morning, the man was arrested in the shop and was not chased down the street.

Mr. Dubois is suffering from a bullet wound in the abdomen, and hospital authorities this morning said his condition was very critical. The police state that he is not expected to live.

The robbery occurred at 5 p.m., when many pedestrians were passing the shop.

Shanghai Bandits

Police believe that the three gangsters arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai about a fortnight ago.

They proceeded to Macao last week and returned to Hongkong two days ago.

It is believed that the robbery was planned in a well-known Chinese hotel, where the bandits had rooms.

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Japan and Shanghai May 3.
Manila May 3.
Saigon May 3.
Shanghai May 3.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 10th March) May 4.
Shanghai May 4.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 27th April May 5.
Bangkok and Tourane May 5.
Shanghai and Amoy May 5.
Haiphong May 6.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" San Francisco date, 30th April May 7.

OUTWARD MAILS

Friday, May 3.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 20th May.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Par. Noon.
Reg. 1.45 p.m.
Ord. 2.30 p.m.
Amoy 4.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin 4.30 p.m.
Manila 7.00 p.m.
Saturday, May 4.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London—due London, 14th June.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels May 4, 10.00 a.m.
Reg. May 4, 11.45 a.m.
Ord. May 4, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin 1 p.m.
Manila 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 12th May
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. May 4, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 4, 5.30 p.m.
Bangkok 5.30 p.m.
Haiphong 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, May 5.
Fort Bayard and Holloway 9 a.m.
Shanghai 9.00 a.m.
Monday, May 6.
Haiphong Noon.
Saigon, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul and Tulagi 2.30 p.m.
Canton 7 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui-po, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upst. Price
3	No. 2789	Junction of Castle Peak Road and Yen Chou Street.	as per sale plan.	About 6,300	\$ 116	\$ 12,600

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Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Godard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 1st May, 1940.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

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Agent.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upst. Price
1	No. 4273	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4273 Between Fa Yuen Street & Sai Yee Street.	as per sale plan.	About 22,500	\$ 418	\$ 55,250

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upst. Price
2	No. 2789	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2789 Junction of Castle Peak Road and Hing Wah Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	As per sale plan.	About 5,400	\$ 74	\$ 14,650

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RUDOLF VALENTINO, most famous of the Hollywood Sheikhs.

The Real Sheikhs

THERE are sheikhs and sheikhs.

One sort of sheikhs—the real Bedouin of Southern Palestine—has now become very annoyed with the other sort—those made in Hollywood.

And no wonder. Some of them have just seen a Hollywood sheikh film in a Jaffa cinema.

Sheikh Abu Sitta, leader of the tribal heads of the

district, was so shocked at the Hollywood portrayal of Arab life that he called a meeting.

All the sheikhs, including those who have never seen a film, expressed indignation.

Finally, Sheikh Abu Sitta himself agreed to write a story of Bedouin life for film production to show Hollywood how it should be done.

RADIO STATIONS operated by enemy agents are still working in England—by permission of the British Secret Service.

Britain's secret radio squad has tracked down dozens of short-wave broadcasting stations worked by spies, but not all of them have been silenced.

It pays to let them go on sending out their messages. In this way British wireless engineers and technicians, enrolled some time before the war began, have helped to save hundreds of lives and dozens of British ships.

Their efforts have revealed many German secrets. Spies and disaffected persons have been allowed to continue their activities until they have implicated their friends.

In Secret Code
Members of the radio squad, working in all parts of the country, listen throughout the 24 hours.

They tune in, not the German propaganda broadcasts, such as those of Lord Haw Haw—that is the work of the B.B.C.'s monitor service—but to unregistered short-wave stations which transmit Morse in secret code.

These coded messages are carefully recorded, and sent for decoding to a special department of the British Secret Service.

One station not in the secret category, but which is being allowed to continue working because of its effectiveness, is that calling itself the New British Broadcasting Station.

This first came on the air on a 50.63 metres wavelength, opening its programme with a record of a Scottish melody played by a famous British radio pianist.

Attacked Premier

It is strongly anti-Jewish and anti-British in the matter it broadcasts, and recently the announcer attacked Lord Halifax and Mr. Chamberlain.

Capt. A. H. M. Ramsey, Conservative M.P. for Peebles and Southern, will ask the Minister of Information in Parliament if he proposes to reply to the propaganda put out by this station.

Other propaganda attempts are being made inside England by would-be Lord Haw-Haws with portable transmitters.

They give "details" of local defence measures, but the "information" they give is only old news rehearsed in an attempt to frighten unthinking people.

Letter to Wife: Secret Weapon

A LETTER written by a man to a married woman was referred to as her husband's "secret weapon," by Mr. Justice Hallett in divorce proceedings at Manchester Assizes.

He granted a decree nisi to Mrs. Betty Combes, of Ayres Road, Old Trafford, Manchester, who petitioned for divorce on the grounds of alleged misconduct by her husband, Sydney Combes, a salesman in October, 1938, with a girl now aged 17.

Respondent and the girl named denied the allegation.

Granting the decree and giving Mrs. Combes custody of the child of the marriage, Mr. Justice Hallett said:

"It was quite clear that when Mrs. Combes presented her petition there was another man who was violently in love with her, and whom she admittedly desired to marry if she obtained a decree."

The impression on his mind, continued the judge, was that respondent did not intend to defend the case at all until he got hold of this letter.

"He suddenly discovered the secret weapon to put an end to these proceedings. As a matter of law he was wrong."

Speaking of the evidence given by Mr. Combes and the girl named, the judge said to his mind it did not ring true.

THE BOOK

Our very first need in present times is a radical renewal in the life of every individual—a renewal that can come only if we return to the New Testament, the very source of Christianity, said Queen Wilhelmina of Holland in a speech recently.

£3-a-week life for celibate clergy

CHURCH OF ENGLAND clergymen have been invited to join a new association, the Company of Mission Priests, whose members will forego marriage, lead a life of poverty, and become the missionaries of England.

The scheme is receiving enthusiastic support from rectors, vicars and curates.

Many have written asking for information to Father P. S. Wigram, a priest of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, at St. Edward's House, Great College Street, S.W.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has already approved the new association, saying he hopes it will appeal to younger priests, in view of the critical position of the Church and of national life.

The idea has been put forward by the superiors of three Anglican orders, the Society of the Resurrection and the Community of the Sacred Mission.

They maintain that the average salary of a vicar and curate should keep at least three priests living communally, and that if an artisan

can keep a wife and family on £3 a week a priest should be able to live on the same.

The aim of the founders is to staff parishes by a vicar and curates living a communal life with a common purse.

Where this is not possible, assistant staffs can be composed of the mission priests.

Clergymen who already hold livings can join the association by making over a proportion of their salary.

This will be used to finance mission priests in other parishes.

The primary object of the association is to increase the number of priests to work in distressed areas and on housing estates, "which threaten to become the new centres of heathendom."

LUPECU MAY BE GOING TO ENGLAND

MADAME LUPECU, King Carol's red-haired friend, is expected to proceed to England on a short visit.

She left Bucharest two days before King Carol lifted the ban on the Fascist Iron Guard.

Iron Guard leaders have campaigned against Madame Lupescu for many years.

Bombing Attempts

Bomb attempts have been made frequently against her villa in Bucharest, which is near the Royal Palace.

Once before, in 1938, when a pro-Iron Guard Government ruled Rumania for a short time, Madame Lupescu left the country.

With all Iron Guard members released from prisons and concentration camps she fears again for her safety.

Assumed Name

Madame Lupescu is travelling by car and under an assumed name.

Later she intends to go to the United States.

A noted Rumanian at present in London is Edgar Ausnit, industrialist, whose brother Max, one of the richest of South-East Europe, has just been sentenced to six years' imprisonment by a Bucharest court.

Ausnit's sentence is attributed to Nazi pressure. He has many industrial interests in Britain and is a strong advocate of close Anglo-Rumanian relations.



MADAME LUPECU

Officer Told: Hands Out Of Pockets

Noticing that a Royal Engineers' officer in the witness-box at Rochester county court had his hands in his pockets, Judge Clements told him:

"You are an officer in His Majesty's Army. This is one of His Majesty's courts and you will not stand here with your hands in your pockets, please."

MAGAZINE PAGE

EYES OF WAR

NOT many months ago a foreign military command made this startling statement. "The army with the best photographic corps will win the next war!"

Of course, aerial mapping and reconnaissance are important, but can they be that important?

At the end of the World War cameras served as auxiliary eyes for the Army and an excellent tickler for the memory of the observer. In fact, conditions were often such that the camera could not be used, although visual observation could be made.

To-day, the camera is the super eye, instantly recording details which the observer could not assimilate in a half hour and revealing minute details when the eye encounters only shifting haze.

Try to imagine actual military conditions and you can understand the officer's opinion.

A new position has been taken, men are digging into temporary defenses, which are wide open to barrage and aerial attack. The whole corps is vulnerable. The only defence lies in deception.

A mile behind the line a false trench is dug, only a few inches deep. It is decorated with helmets, bayonets, and general trench debris.

When the enemy flies over their concealed trenches, the true position will not be seen because the false trenches are assumed to be the true ones.

Yes, such a defence would probably have been successful in 1918, but to-day it wouldn't fool the aerial camera a moment.

Modern military strategy depends upon information, accurate information, obtained without loss of time.

The enemy move artillery into a new, well-camouflaged position over-night; submarines lie in secret harbours, with motors silent; rapid, mobile combat units move unexpectedly to new position in the haze of battle; an effective battery is operating from behind a hill, whose height must be determined.

Heretofore information about such developments had to depend upon the more or less accurate observation of man. To-day the modern military camera answers the question accurately and instantaneously.

THE pictures are taken in the air, and by the time the aeroplane is grounded the negatives are developed and ready for rapid examination and for quick printing.

Within less than ten minutes after grounding, the staff officers may examine clear photographs of the scene of action! And these photographs will reveal many things not visible to the eyes of the photographer who made the shots.

The penetration of opaque strata is an accomplished fact.

U-boats can be photographed when the surface reflection hides them from visual observation, and when ordinary photographs would show the water as a metallic, opaque surface; ground haze can be cut through easily; even light fog and hazy smoke can be wiped away by the magic of modern photography.

During the war of 1914 pan-chromatic plates were still in the experimental stage, and very poor at that. To-day we have a dozen or more different kinds of pan-chromatic films of excellent quality.

Pan film, as it is called, is highly important. Briefly, we must remember that ordinary daylight is made up of all colours. The rainbow is formed when daylight is split up into its component parts.

These colours run, in order of wavelength, blue, green, yellow, orange and red. Violet is the shorter component of blue. When light travels some distance the violet and blue rays get lost, are reflected and bounced about until they no longer mean anything to the eye.

However, in their confused state they give the appearance of a uniform blue colour. The most common example on is the sky. There is



The answer to the question everyone is asking: WHY DON'T THEY DROP BOMBS?

"sky" between the aeroplane and the ground!

THE red rays are not so easily disturbed, and if we could brush away the interfering curtain of tangled blue rays, we could see right through the haze; in fact, it would disappear.

Ordinary films respond only to

the blue part of daylight; pan-chromatic films react to every colour of daylight.

Therefore, if a sheet of red glass is placed over the camera lens, this glass, which we call a filter, pushes back the blue and green rays letting only the red through.

By this means it is possible to make sharp and clear photographs of objects which are completely hidden to the eyes by a heavy curtain of haze. In very bad cases we go even further and make use of the invisible rays below the visible red.

Infra-red reveals another important trick of camouflage. The enemy moves artillery into position overnight. By morning the guns are camouflaged by trees and boughs. Dumps and trench openings are concealed beneath rough, green-painted canvas.

From the air the new position is absolutely invisible, yet within an hour after daylight they are shelled so heavily that the position has to be abandoned.

How was the position discovered? Infra-red films have a peculiar characteristic. Green paint will photograph as dark grey or black, while living foliage photographs snow-white in this curious, in-

visible "light." The guns and dumps are revealed as if they were coal black on a field of snow!

HOWEVER, night photography is not ruled out.

So great has been the development in film sensitivity and lens speeds since 1916—and many such developments are not yet commercialised—that effective exposures can be made now with about 1-5,000 the amount of light necessary twenty-five years ago.

Most people are familiar with the routine of mosaic mapping.

A plane flies over a strip of territory, maintaining as nearly constant altitude as is practical. At the end of the trip the plane is turned and flies back a short distance to one side of the original path.

Back and forth the flight is made until the whole area has been photographed in a number of narrow strips. The series of photographs thus made are assembled into a great mosaic by cutting the central portion, from each and matching it to the next one.

The result is that the enemy's secrets are secrets no longer.

HERBERT C. MCKAY

Balkans, Prize of Many Wars, Watch Rapid Changes



Mountainous Nations Need Large Armies to Defend Passes, Vulnerable on All Sides.

Sizes of the armies of Balkan nations here include trained reserves. Military fortifications are weaker than those of Western Europe. The rivers, Morava, Vadar, and Danube, corridors of trade, have often been avenues for bringing invaders.

Flashback to 1914-18 Trench Raid

ONE of the most difficult things in the world is for the infantryman of the 1914-18 war to try to understand this war, and this war's patrols, outposts, and raids. And its distances between the two lines (ours and theirs).

It is far easier for the man who has just read about both wars, but taken part in neither. To us 1914-18-ers a war is something fought between two armies each entrenched in a glorified ditch within at most 200 yards and at some points seventy-five yards of each other.

Between the two ditches was no-man's-land: shellholes, mud, barbed wire, miles and miles of tangled masses of it (ours and theirs).

We knew two kinds of trench

raids—the silent and the not-so-silent. Here are how the two went:

No. 1—The not-so-silent

Message for company commander "A" company: "One officer, a sergeant, and six men will carry out a raid on the German front line 13-10 hours for the purpose of bringing back two or three prisoners."

The whole company stands by on the fire step of the front line trench as the raiding party quietly

climbers over the parapet. A whispered muttering—"Good luck, Bill!" and "Mind the wire," as the party disappears into the blackness of no-man's-land.

Apart from the occasional ping of a bullet, all is reasonably quiet. A hundred yards away (in this case) is the German front line.

We keep as close together as possible. Carefully we drag our way through barbed wire at a point where it has been previously cut, knowing that the slightest sound will betray us to the Germans.

Suddenly a loud detonation and a hiss comes from the enemy trenches. A second later the shattered landscape is lit up by a magnesium flare or Very light,

which hangs suspended before it sizes out at our feet. We remain as though petrified until we are protected again by the darkness.

Still on our hands and knees, we take a firmer grip of our rifles—Twelve yards to go. No spoken orders can be given. Silently we wait for our officer's hand signal. We each draw a Mills bomb, pull the safety pin, lob it in. . . . Jump up, and clamber down into the German trench. Two of us guard, with fixed bayonets and hand ready on a Mills bomb, the boys at either end of the trench.

In a second the officer, the sergeant, and two men rush to the entrance of a dug-out. The officer gives a sharp order to the Germans

who have taken shelter in the dug-out. They quickly surrender; they know that refusal would mean that a hand grenade would be whisked into the dug-out and . . .

The prisoners are trooped out in single file—maybe with the aid of a gentle prod from a bayonet—and back across no-man's-land to our lines.

Rifle fire, machine-gun fire, artillery fire—answering the SOS from the German front line—make the trip back—well, hazardous.

No. 2—The silent raid

Three or four of you go out, find a German standing in a trench, grab him by the shoulders, clap a hand over his mouth, drag him out of the trench, and whisk him off without a word. Back "home" to the same sort of artillery orchestra as on the other kind of raid.

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INSTALMENT II

YESTERDAY, Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, told how the Czech-German quarrel reached its zenith in September, 1938, and how war was averted at the eleventh hour.

TO-DAY he deals with the Munich Agreement . . . and Hitler's chagrin after that historic treaty.

THE meeting of the four statesmen at the new Brown House at Munich began at 1.30 p.m. on September 29. Mussolini had arrived by train from Rome, and Daladier by air from Paris, shortly before the Prime Minister. All three were enthusiastically acclaimed by the German people who filled the streets.

Their discussions ended thirteen hours later at 2.30 on the Friday morning. At no stage of the conversations did they become heated.

The presence of Mussolini acted as a brake on Hitler, and the fact that the former had tactfully put forward as his own a combination of Hitler's and the Anglo-French proposals, thereby defeating the intention of Ribbentrop, who was anxious to put forward a scheme of his own, made general agreement easier all round.

It was largely the necessity for translation into three languages, English, French, and German, which, together with the difficulties of hasty drafting, delayed the conclusion. Mussolini was the only one of the four statesmen who could speak and understand all three languages. The final agreement was reached substantially on the lines of the Godesberg memorandum, as modified by the final Anglo-French plan.

Germany thus incorporated the Sudeten lands in the Reich without bloodshed and without firing a shot. But she had not got all that Hitler wanted and which she would have got if the arbitration had been left to war—namely, the strategic frontier which so many Germans desired.

Goering's promise

Czecho-Slovakia had lost—and a bit more—territories which it would probably have been wiser not to have included at Versailles in the Czech State, and which could never, except on the basis of federation, have remained permanently therein.

I left Munich before the Prime Minister, but his final meeting alone with Hitler and drew up and signed the Anglo-German declaration of September 30.

Early that morning the French and Italian Ambassadors, together with the German State Secretary and myself, flew back to Berlin, and the first meeting of the International Commission set up under the Munich Agreement was actually held the same afternoon at 5.30.

Its meetings constituted the final scene of the second act of the drama.

The tasks delegated to the Ambassadors were ungrateful in principle and most distasteful in detail. I had made up my mind before the first meeting began that the best hope for Czecho-Slovakia lay in direct negotiation, where possible, with Germany, and that plebiscites, which could only lead to trouble, should be avoided at all cost.

I did my best to ensure both those objectives. I saw Goering, and secured an assurance from him that Germany would not be uncooperative, if the Czech Government frankly sought co-operation with, rather than antagonism to, Germany.

I arranged a meeting between the Field Marshal and the Czech delegate on the Commission, Monsieur Masny, who was also the Czech Minister at Berlin and with whom I had maintained throughout the crisis the friendliest relations.

From the moment that Bonhoeffer resigned, the position became easier, though the Germans, as usual, did little to modify their demands or to honour Goering's promise to be generous.

I left Berlin as soon as was practicable after the conclusion of the work of the International Commission. I had, of course, the utmost misgivings as to Hitler's good faith and the honesty of his ultimate intentions towards the Czechs. But a Government had assumed power at Prague, which sincerely sought co-operation with Germany, and since Hitler had got the

HITLER disobeys his "VOICE"



Mr. Neville Chamberlain returning to England from the famous Munich Conference.

His resentment over "Munich"

egging him on to fight England while the latter was still militarily unprepared.

Hitler turns to extremists

They reproached him for having accepted the Munich settlement, and the having missed the most favourable opportunity.

An uneasy feeling lest they might have been right contributed to Hitler's ill-humour.

Nor was Munich in itself an agreeable experience for him. He found himself there for once in the company of those men who were his equals, instead of being surrounded by sycophants obedient to his slightest gesture.

The experience confirmed his dislike for settlement by negotiation.

Moreover, the evident popularity of Mr. Chamberlain with the German people not only detracted from his own personal prestige, but also gave him food for uneasy reflection.

He could drag on his people and they would always follow him; but could he count on their willing devotion in all circumstances?

It was the first unpleasant rift between him and his people, and it was the peace efforts of Mr. Chamberlain which had started it.

It is certainly a fact that, after Munich, he showed considerable ill-will towards those who had argued with him against pushing things to extremes.

His Voice had told him that there would be no general war, or that, even if there were, there could be no more propitious moment for it than that October, and for once he had been obliged to disregard that Voice and to listen to counsels of prudence.

At Munich, those whom he regarded as the faint-hearted in Germany, beginning with Goering and passing through many strata of the Party and of the Government officials, fell from grace.

Heil Jekyll and Hyde!

On the other hand, this uneasy reflection was the main cause of the rise to favour of the Ribbentrops and Himmlers, and of his subsequent measures for the reinforcement of the Party vis-a-vis the Army, which had also been anti-war.

But it was his own faint-heartedness which probably infuriated him more than anything else; for the first time he had failed to obey his Voice.

For me, Hitler was a sort of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

To begin with, he may not have been more than a visionary of genius or a practical dreamer, with a sublime faith in himself and in his mission to reinstate Germany in her former position among the nations.

"Mein Kampf" shows that he was naturally endowed with a highly developed political sense, but it is unlikely that his original ambitions were as wide as they subsequently became.

Self before country

His initial aspiration may well have been to become Chancellor of Germany, to complete her unity by means of the incorporation of Austria, his own motherland, as a first objective, and to restore to Germany her self-respect and prosperity.

The interesting point to elucidate would be when he ceased to be Jekyll and became Hyde. It was probably a matter of gradual evolution. Dictators, having achieved absolutism, lose their sense of proportion.

Each success leads to ever expanding aims, while their insatiable desire for their own permanence drives them in the end to put self before their country, and to adventure as the sole means of maintaining their hold.

So it was with Napoleon, and so it seems to me to have been with Hitler. The Chancellorship, the unity and prosperity of Germany were, in the end, not enough.

His flatterers described him as the successor of Frederick the

Great and Bismarck, and, as time went on, he felt himself called upon to emulate their military victories as well as their constructive achievements.

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Sudeten, which he had solemnly assured Mr. Chamberlain was his sole object, it was still permissible at least to hope that he might treat a friendly disposed Czech Government with some generosity and fairness.

Nevertheless, I left for England about the middle of October thoroughly disheartened, and if I had been a free agent I would never have returned to Berlin.

The Hitlerian methods had been too much in evidence recently for me to feel otherwise than disgusted.

Nazis go back to barbarism

Moreover, I was a sick man and had been for some months past. Within a couple of weeks I was operated upon in a nursing home and for four months altogether I remained completely out of everything.

That in itself was a minor disaster. I am not presuming to suggest that anything might have been altered by my presence at Berlin.

But four months were too long to be absent from Germany in the dynamic state through which she was passing, and in view of the appetites which had been whetted by the inclusion of ten million Austrian and Sudeten Germans in the Reich.

Furthermore, events occurred during that interval which had a considerable bearing upon subsequent developments. One of these was the organised persecution of the Jews which took place in November.

In revenge for the murder by a young, unbalanced Jew of a German diplomat in Paris, squads of German hooligans reverted to the barbarism of the Middle Ages and indulged in an orgy of violent

They turned the whole of the world opinion definitely against themselves.

The second interesting feature of my four months' enforced absence, was what I can only describe as the reactions of Hitler after Munich.

The Munich settlement deprived Hitler of the great satisfaction—to which he was evidently looking forward—of giving his army a little experience, of appearing himself in the role of a conquering hero, and of wreaking vengeance on Benes and the Czechs.

In one sense he may have been not ungrateful to Mr. Chamberlain for having prevented a world war to which his army and people were opposed.

In another, any gratitude which he may have felt was far outweighed by resentment at having been compelled to change his mind and at being deprived of his local war.

The unanimity with which the French Chamber (unlike the House of Commons in this respect) approved of the Munich Agreement certainly helped to confirm him in this opinion.

In yet another sense, too, Hitler felt irritated with himself. A section of his followers were always

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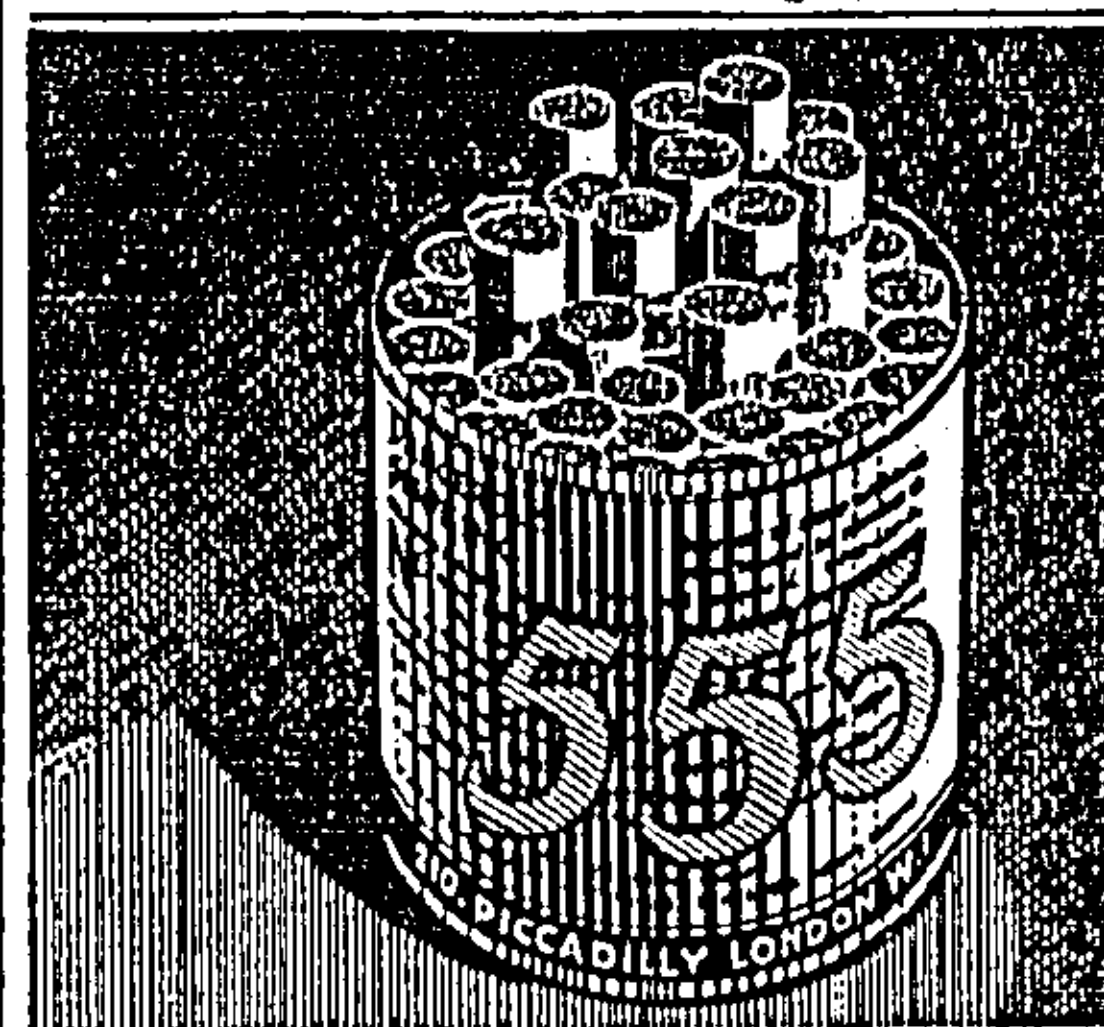
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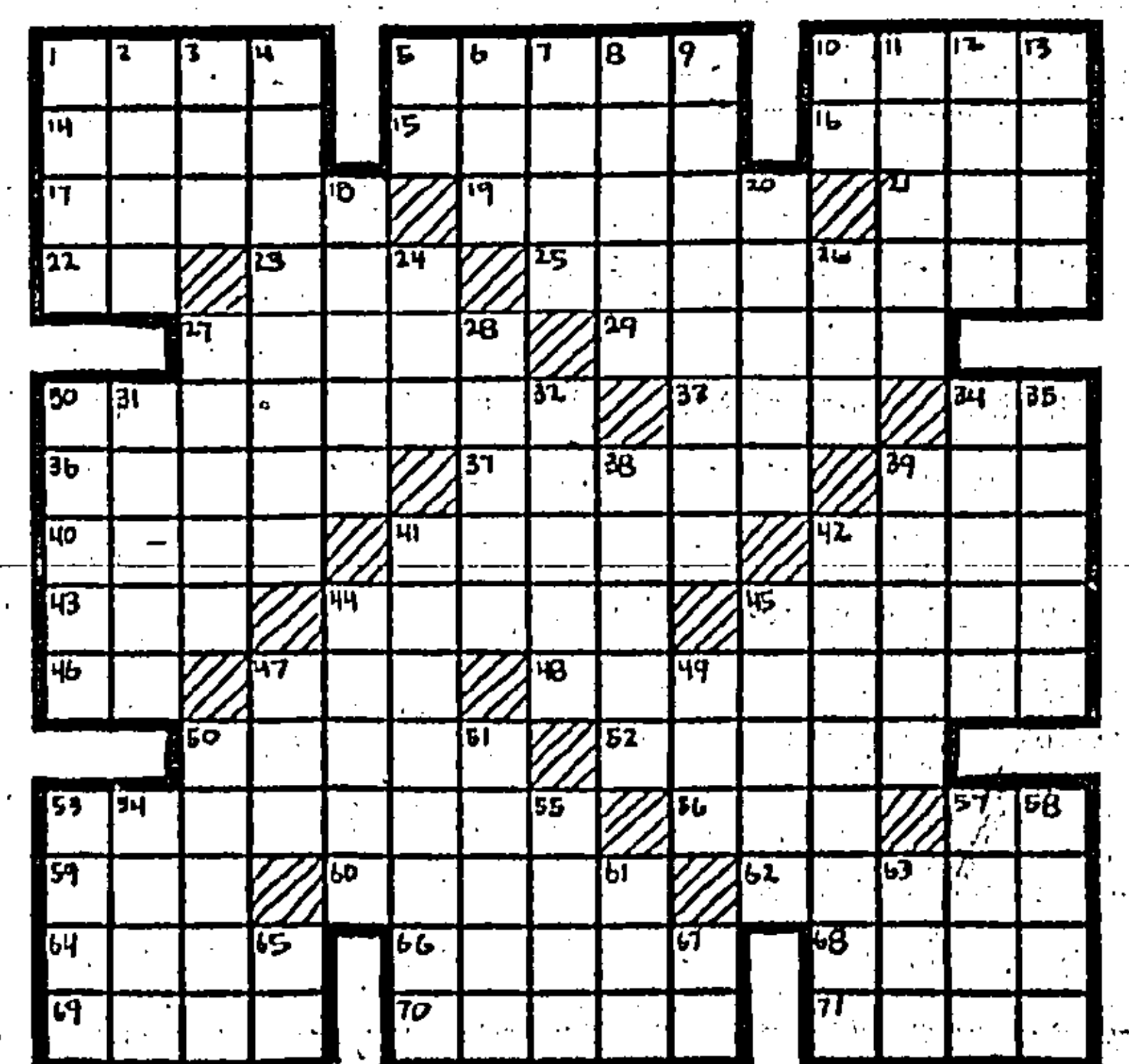
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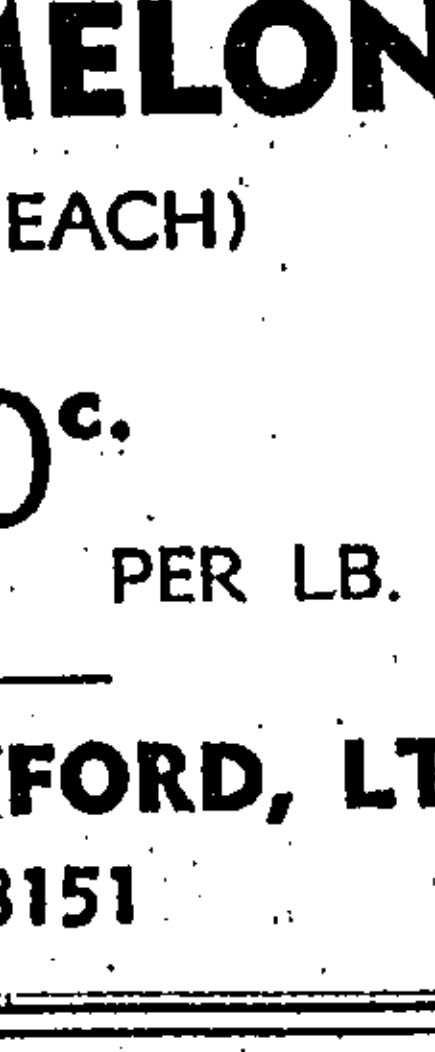
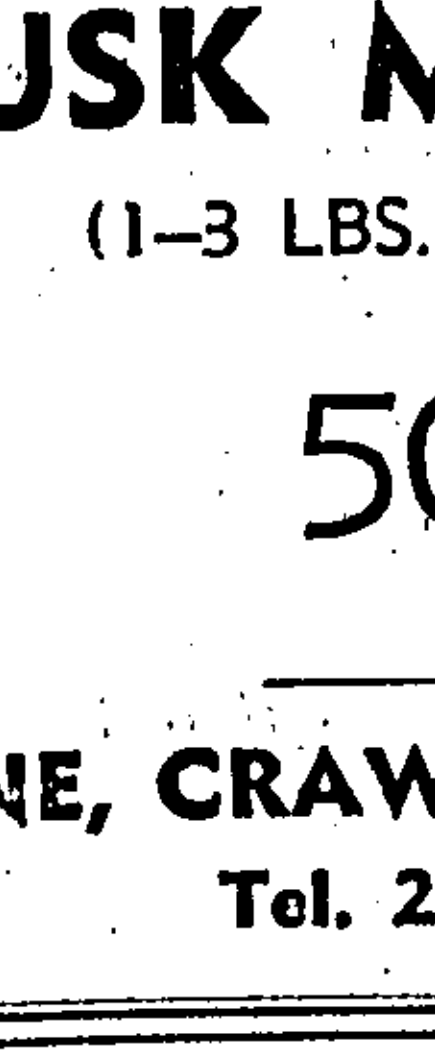
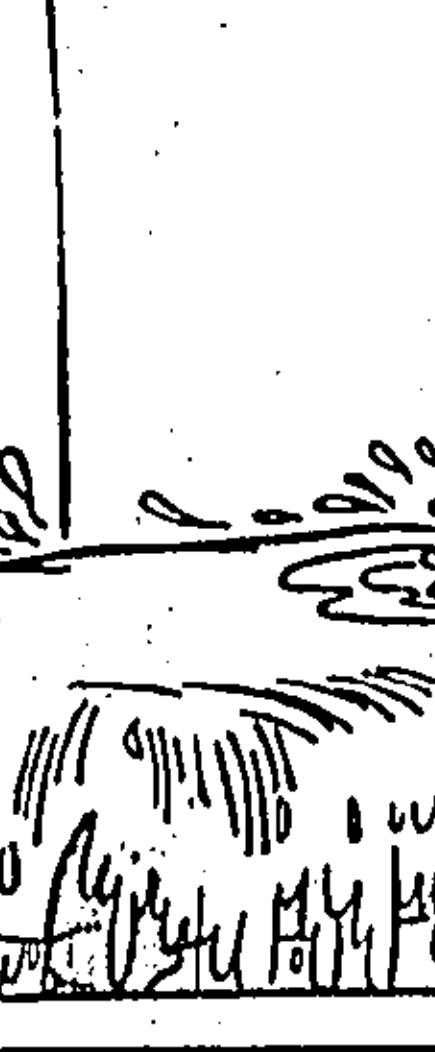
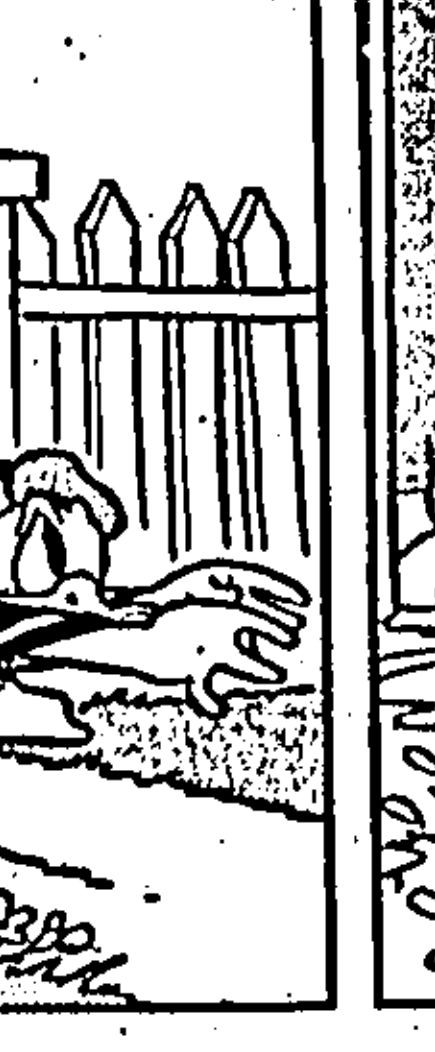
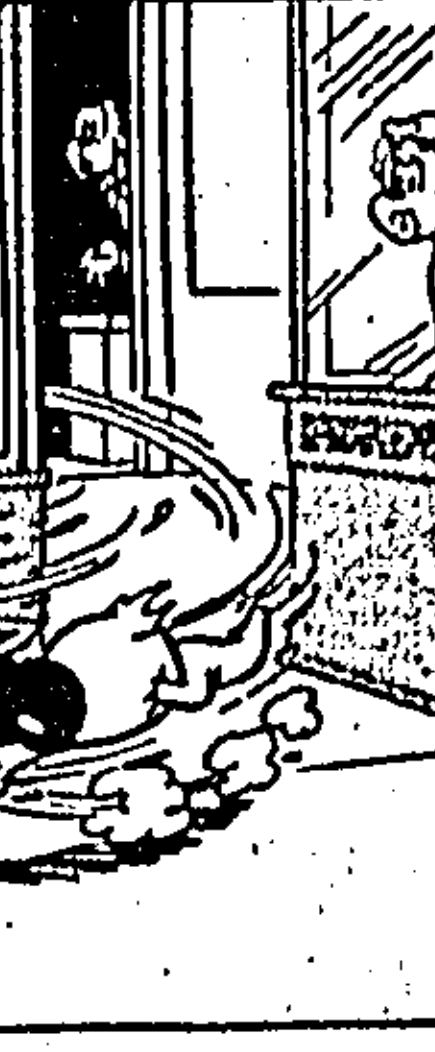
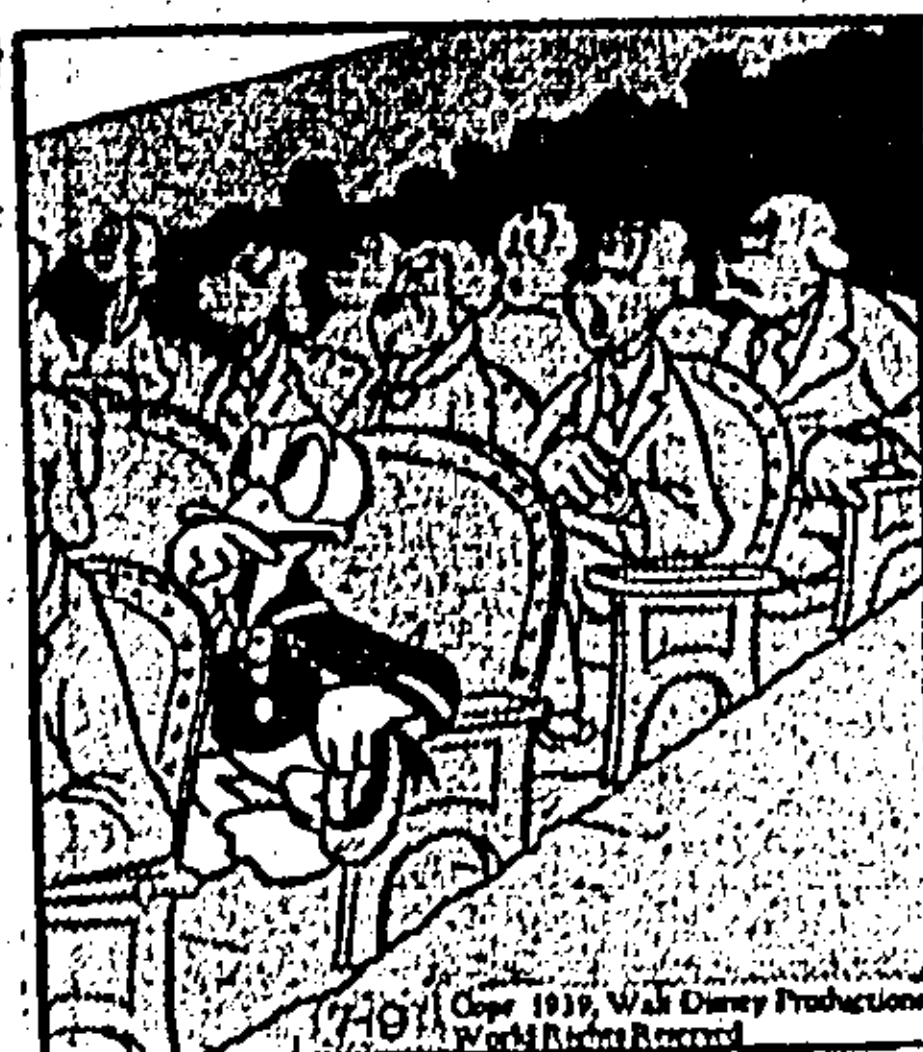
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Last To Leave

Captain George Waite, third engineer, Robert Staincliffe, and fourth engineer Alfred Sken, of the tanker San Alberto, were the last to leave their ship, in which they had remained for two days after she had been cut in two by a torpedo.

Radio Officer Patrick Cummins, of the Tukora, was commended by Captain Langsdorff, of the Graf Spee, for his devotion to duty while the ship was being chased and shelled by the raider.

Besides the three women, the following are specially commended in the "Gazette":—A. B. Ernest Akhurst (Dunbar Castle), Capt. William Stubbs (Doric Star), Capt. Matthew Hunter (Horsted), Capt. William Falconer (Oakgrove), Boatwain Malcolm Bain, A. B. Maxwell Pirie, Sailor John Young (San Alberto).

Capt. Falconer, Boatwain Bain were killed in action.

The Tale Of The Captain From Florida

MR. NORTON S. CROCKETT, of the United States Maritime Commission Offices in Lloyd's Avenue in the City of London:—

Was born in Florida:—

Came to Britain in 1914 to enlist in the 10th Hussars; Transferred to the 7th Gloucesters and fought with them at the Dardanelles and in "Mesopotamia";

Was wounded three times; was later promoted captain in the Indian Army.

He settled in England; married a Gravesend girl; they have two sons, Tony, nineteen, and Jeffrey, eighteen.

The boys want to go into the Civil Service; but—NO, says the Home Office, because their father is "an alien."

"I don't like being called an alien," says "Sam" Crockett. His sons can enlist. Authority says; but the Civil Service—NO.

Girl in Channel air liner drama

FIGHTER WARNS: "TURN BACK"

AN R.A.F. fighter dived at more than 300 m.p.h. under a forty-seater Ensign airliner over the Channel one day last month to warn the pilot to turn back to Paris.

There were three passengers in the air liner—Steve Donoghue, Miss Sally Jones, aged twenty-three, of Streatham, S.W., and Lieutenant John Linklater, a British volunteer in the Czech army.

Steve Donoghue was asleep at the time, but Miss Jones missed none of the thrills of the mid-Channel air raid warning.

She told how the liner had been held up at Le Bourget for half an hour because of "some warnings." At 2.15 they took off and had perfect flying for an hour.

Race To Paris

"Everything was going quite well and the steward was serving coffee when suddenly we saw a single-seater fighter dive right underneath us at a terrific speed," she said.

"It seemed to race off up Channel. Then we noticed the sea and the sky were in unusual positions and our coffee was being spilled."

The air liner pilot had taken the warning and was banking steeply. His four 850 h.p. engines opened to full throttle as he raced for Paris at 200 m.p.h. top speed.

"All the steward would tell us," said Miss Jones, "was that we were on our way back to Paris. As we came in sight of the French coast there were two loud pops and a screaming sound, and I saw coloured very lights floating past the windows."

A radio message to turn back was received by the captain of the aircraft almost at the same time as the fighter plane was first seen. At Le Bourget the three passengers were kept in one of the airport offices for half an hour before the Ensign was allowed to leave again. The second journey was peaceful.

B.E.F. Soldier Finds A Letter Hidden In 1916

In 1916 an English soldier billeted in an old house somewhere in France received a letter from home. He hid it beneath the floorboards.

What happened to him is not known, but he never returned to his depot.

The other day, Lance-Corporal F. E. Williams, with the B.E.F. in France, discovered the letter, and now the Major of Ipswich, asked by Williams to do so, appeals for news of the sender, a Mr. F. Chapman, whose address in 1916 was Holywell-road, Ipswich.

There is no longer a Mr. Chapman at this address.



A dramatic story of how he and his family swam the icy Rhine river to escape from Germany was told by Franz Josef Flatz, non-Jewish Austrian and anti-Nazi, as he arrived with his wife and sons Kuno, left, and Walter, in New York, en route to New Zealand. He leaped from a prison train and crossed to Switzerland. A month later his wife and sons swam the Rhine to join him.

ANGEL OF LILLE IS STILL READY

From BERNARD GRAY, with the B.E.F.

ANOTHER Nurse Cavell of the last war, threatened with death by the Germans for aiding British wounded, is living in a town just behind the front in France, ready and waiting to risk her life again in the same noble cause.

She is an Irish Sister of Mercy, who was known throughout the last war as the Angel of Lille.

In the four years during which the Germans occupied this famous industrial centre in the north of France, she moved among their prisoners and our wounded, protecting them from the brutality of the Boche, even helping some of them to escape.

"Shoot Me, Then!"

When a German captain seized her roughly and said he would have her shot, she retorted: "Shoot me, then! I don't mind. I know I'll go to Heaven and you'll go to hell. Get on with it!"

She still has the same spirit. I found her to-day in a convent hospital, a white-haired old lady in the robes of the Order of Bon Secours.

"I went through a lot between 1914 and 1918, but I'll do the same now if necessary," she told me quietly. "I was nursing British and French wounded in the hospital in Lille when the Germans entered."

"They took over the hospital, ordered me not to go in it. I did. Often, I used to go around and attend to the sick men just the same. She still has the same spirit. I found her to-day in a convent hospital, a white-haired old lady in the robes of the Order of Bon Secours."

"The Germans were terribly cruel. I remember once I had two boys who were dying. The Germans insisted on removing them to a prison hospital further back."

"I went on my knees before two officers and told them that, if they had mothers and respected them, they must leave my boys to die with me. In the end they did."

Saved 150 Girls!

As the enemy led their prisoners through the streets of Lille this guardian angel of the British used to push her way through the guards to hand cigarettes and food to the captives.

For a fortnight she kept three escaped prisoners in an outhouse, feeding them each night, and finally giving them the word when their most favourable chance of getting away arose.

"When the Germans took young girls from their homes to work in the fields in Germany, this courageous little woman saved 150 girls by posting infectious diseases warnings on the doors of their homes."

"I knew I was doing right," she told me. "Far better die for the oppressed than live for the oppressors. That is my view now. I am still ready to fight the Germans in the cause of right and truth."

Tip From The War

Talking in Manchester on evacuation, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education said he hoped these would be carried forward to the post-war period. He doubted whether children ought to be at school in cities at all during the summer.

To Realise A Boyhood Dream—

Business Chief Became Verger

IT was William Boughton's ambition, as a boy, to become a clergyman. But his father had other ideas.

He saw promise in William as a musician, and put him to work in a music store at Penzance, Cornwall.

20 STARS (UNPAID) IN ONE FILM

HOLLYWOOD.

A MOST amazing film, starring 20 British and French-born stars, is about to go into production.

All profits are to be shared by Anglo-French and American charities; in the case of the Allies the money will be for the Red Cross.

Stars who have already pledged their services without pay include:—Ronald Colman, Charles Laughton, Anna Neagle, Errol Flynn, Vivien Leigh, Laurence Olivier, Cary Grant, Cedric Hardwicke, Charles Boyer.

The film, at present without a title, is based on a story by Stacy Aumonier.

The screen play has been written by A. J. Cronin, James Hilton and Aldous Huxley.

There is no propaganda in the film, which is described as a "super entertainment" picture.

To Be Rewarded

He became the servant of church-goers, first at Hampton Wick, Middlesex, and later at Richmond, Surrey.

To-day he is grey-haired. Now, after three years as Richmond Parish verger, he has heard that his long service to the church is to be rewarded.

Arrangements have been made for him to study for the Church in a Leicestershire parish, where he will help the vicar as a "unofficial curate."

For Experience

After that he will be accepted for the priesthood. He leaves Richmond as soon as his present vicar can replace him.

"If I had my way," he said, "every applicant for priesthood would undergo an apprenticeship in business to get a taste of the world, and to know how to handle people's troubles from practical experience."

Father Divine to Pay

A NEW YORK Supreme Court Judge has ruled that Father Divine's "heavenly" treasury must disgorge £800 to Verinda Brown, who gave this sum to the little "god" and then wanted it back.

When Verinda sued for recovery of her money Father Divine "threatened to evaporate for 1,000 years," says Associated Press, but he was in court, still solid, when the case was first heard on December 4.

He sat impassively while his "angels" around him chanted, "Peace. Aint you glad? Father Divine, he is god!"

The case was expected to throw some light on the baldheaded "god's" financial background, which is vast judging by the number of expensive "heavens" which he and his angels own.

J. P. Did Not Reveal His Dollars 'TRICKY, FALSE STATEMENTS'

FOR failing to offer 20,000 American dollars to the Treasury a wealthy Leicestershire J.P. was at Bow Street fined the maximum of £100, with £20 costs.

He was Captain George William Talley, with addresses at Skeffington, Leicestershire, Churges-street, W., and a well known London military club.

It was stated to be the first prosecution under the wartime regulation for the mobilisation of foreign currency.

"I take the view that you knew perfectly well about these regulations, and that you deliberately tried to evade them," Sir Robert Denham, the magistrate, told Talley. "No doubt through the censorship you were discovered, and then, no doubt, by tricky and, in my judgment, false statements, you endeavoured to make out some case for yourself."

Mr. G. B. McClure, for the Public Prosecutor, said the matter started with the interception of a letter from a New York bank of Talley's.

On the outside it was addressed to Antwerp, but at the head of the letter it was addressed to a place in Leicestershire.

"Whether by design or not, there is a situation which suggests concealment," commented Mr. McClure.

For The Duration

When Talley's attention was called to the matter he stated that he recently lived in the Bahamas, where he was negotiating for a building plot.

For that reason dollars were remitted to a bank in New York, where they remained until the end of last September.

Then, realising that he could not return to the Bahamas on account of his liability for service, he put the dollars in the safe custody of a personal friend for the duration of the war.

At the outbreak of war he wrote to the New York bank instructing it to send particulars of his holdings to his wife's home in Belgium because he thought he would be called to the colours.

"When I saw the notice about foreign currency I imagined it must be for people living in this country the whole of the time," said Talley in evidence.

"Since 1932 I have lived in Britain only six months in the year. Since 1938 I have not even been a household in Britain."

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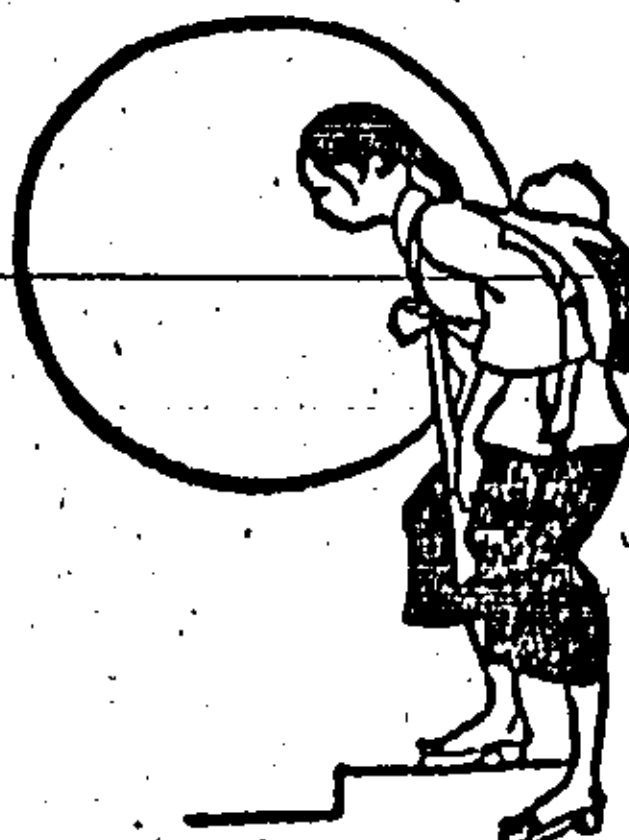
SAFES

C.B.A. Last Dance

To-night at the Peninsula Hotel, the Central British Association is holding the last of its dances this season. All the previous dances have been most enjoyable and it is expected that the one to-night will be a fitting conclusion to a very successful season.

As usual, there will be cabaret turns and one of the items will be given by that popular pair, Ernie Fowler and Dick Labrum (two boys plus accordions equals harmony).

Another item which should be very entertaining is a conjuring act. Dancing is until 2 a.m.



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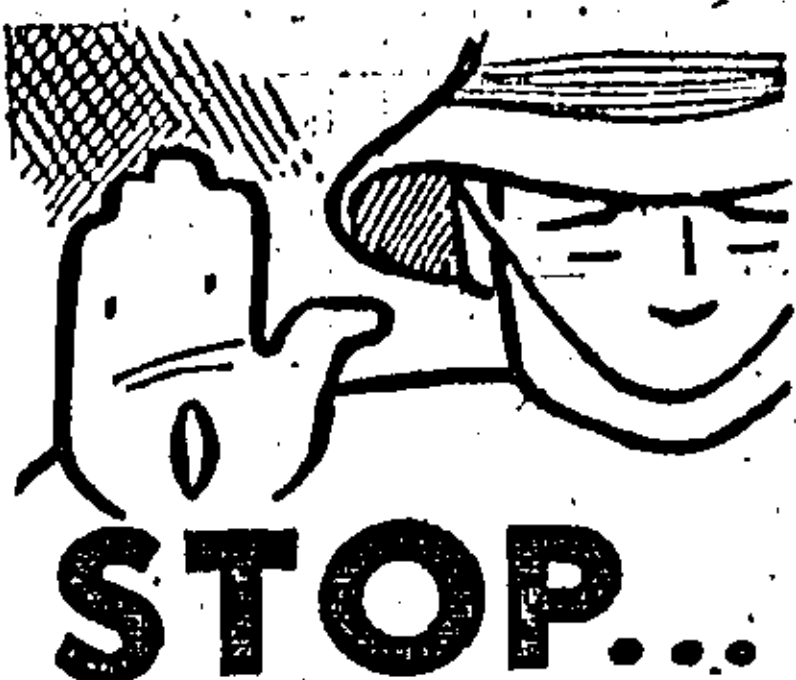
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Friendly Spain

Amid the din of totalitarian boasts and the welter of diplomatic offensives, the significance of the trade agreement between Britain and Spain should not be lost sight of.

For many months Spain in her domestic travail occupied the centre of the European picture.

Many believed that she would be one of the main battlefields of the next Great War.

She has been spared that fate, and is quietly getting on with the tasks of reconstruction, anxious only to cultivate the arts of peace.

The main purpose of the agreement with Britain is to re-establish the trade relations that obtained before the civil war.

This is assuredly as much in Spain's interest as in Britain's; for a long time we have been one of her best customers. Full details of the treaty are not yet available, but it is expected that they will reveal substantial advantages also to this country.

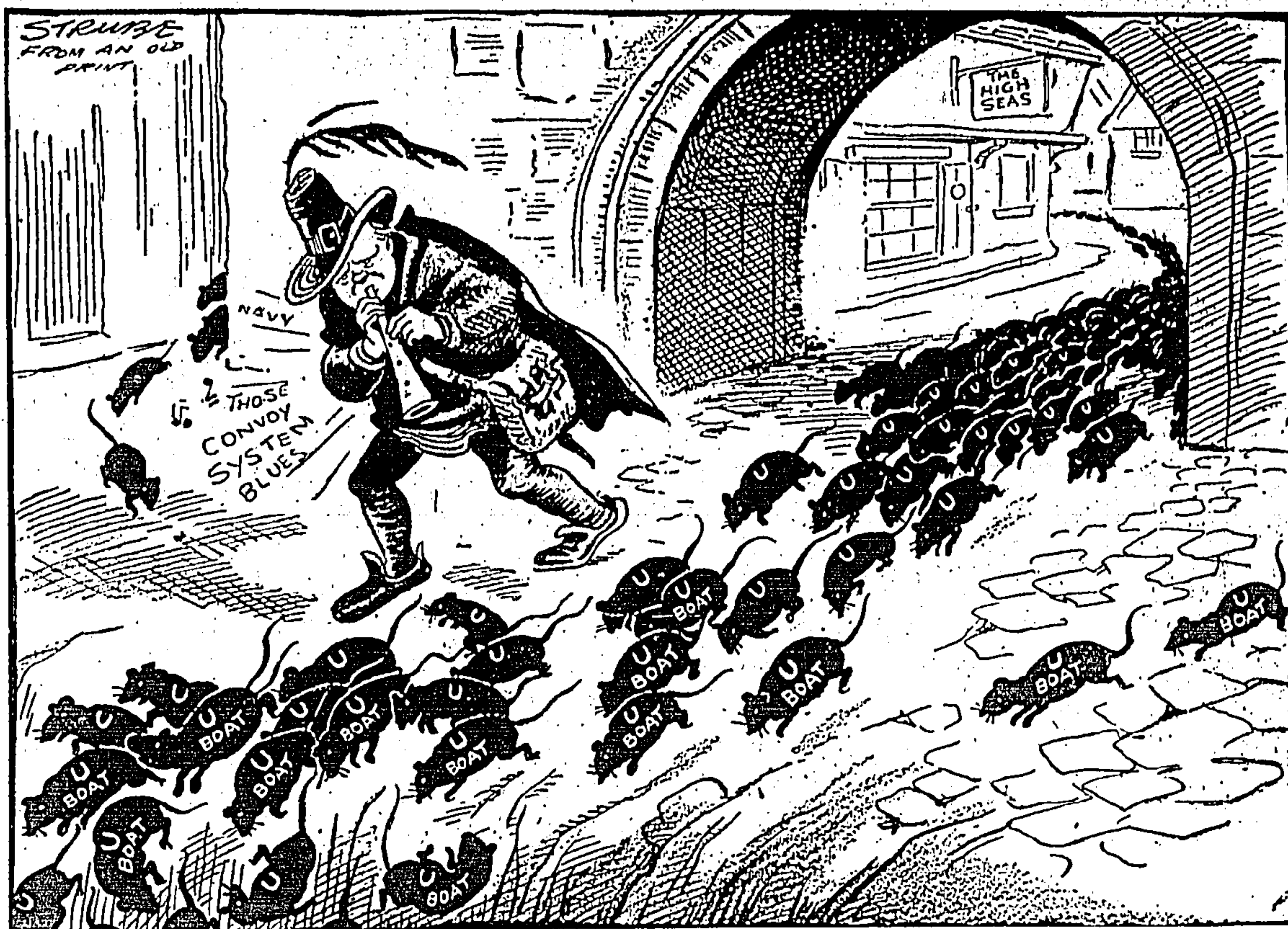
General Franco has not shown a disposition to complicate commercial questions with international politics.

In any case, it is probable that the course of events in the last eight months has brought him nearer to the democracies' point of view than to that of Germany.

Hitler's pact with Bolshevism was a severe shock to Madrid—as to Rome.

TROOPS, STUFF FOR USE OF

THE Expeditionary Force Institutes have received these orders from units in France for the troops' fare:—
Turkeys, 50,000lb. | Pork, 50,000lb.
Grease, 1,000lb. | Sprouts, 6,000lb.
Chickens, 750lb. | Potatoes, 20 tons.
For desert these items will be needed: nuts, 27,000lb.; apples, 60,000lb.; dates, 1,500 boxes; oranges, 105,000; bananas, 20,000.



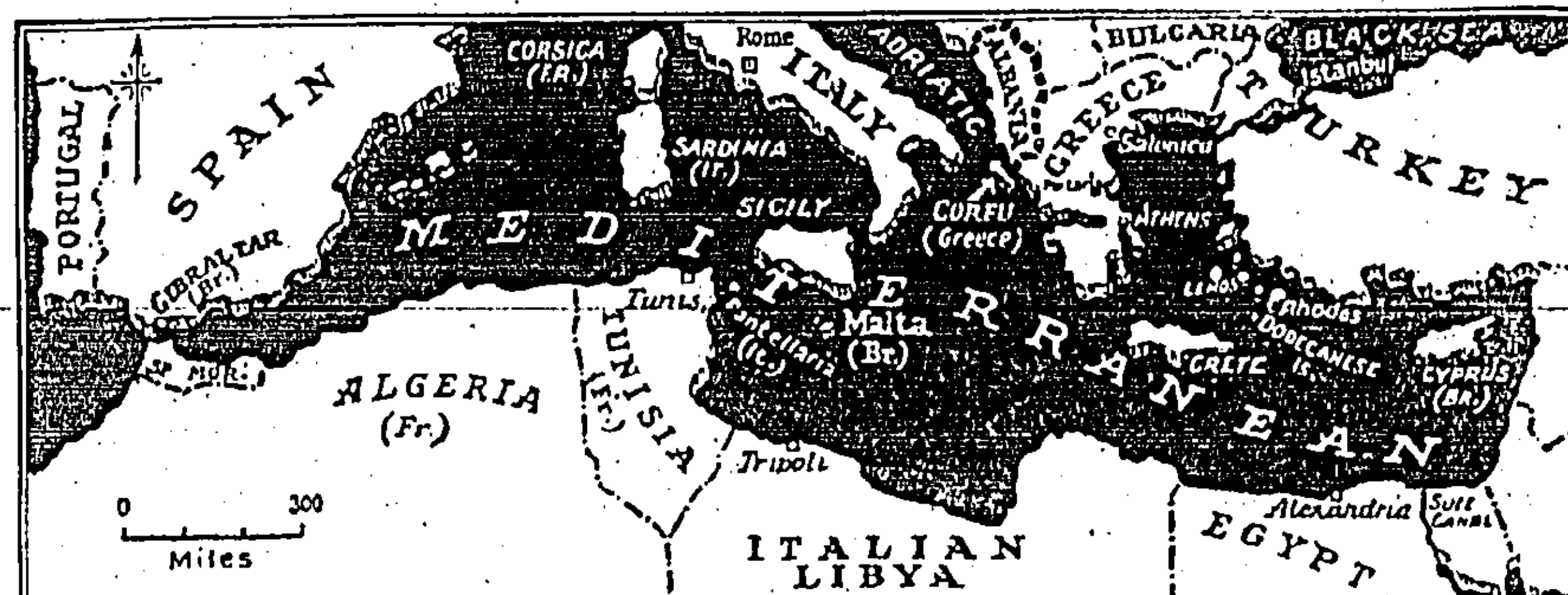
—Strube in the "Daily Express"

The Mediterranean Situation

Commander
by **Russell Grenfell**

formerly on the staff of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and an acknowledged authority on naval strategy.

The British Government has ordered shipping normally using the Mediterranean route to divert to the Cape. This article explains, very simply, just what are the present problems and anxieties of the Admiralty in the inland sea.



WITH Sicily at its toe, the long Italian peninsula divides the Mediterranean into a western and eastern basin, joined by a comparatively narrow channel between Sicily and Africa, in the middle of which stands the fortified Italian island of Pentellaria.

All the French naval bases lie in the western basin, Toulon being the main fleet base. The British Mediterranean Fleet has two fortified bases, one at Gibraltar and the other at Malta.

In a war in which Italy and Britain were involved on opposite sides, Gibraltar would be usable by the fleet unless, of course, Spain also joined in. In that event, the naval harbour is easily commanded by long range guns from the Spanish side of the bay, and air attack from adjoining Spanish territory would be easy.

This need not mean that the fortress would be lost. On the contrary, there is every reason to think that it would be a very hard nut to crack.

The only land approach is over a narrow and perfectly flat sandy neck, entirely overlooked by observers on the Rock.

As a defensive position, Gibraltar is exceedingly strong, and the galleries, tunnels, magazines and shelters cut deep into the rock give it many points of resemblance to the alcazar at Toledo, which Spaniards should be the first to appreciate.

Malta is not very differently placed to Gibraltar. True, it is an island, but it is only 40 odd miles from Sicily and is therefore exposed to air attack in war to an extent that would probably prohibit its use as a naval base.

That, at all events, was the opinion silently expressed by the Mediterranean Fleet on the occasions of the crises of 1935 and 1938, when it evacuated Malta and went to Alexandria. But evacuation does not necessarily imply capture. An Italian landing would be a difficult and hazardous operation.

The Italian bases are naturally mostly in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, but Italy has a small base at Tobruk in Libya and a "secret" island base at Leros in the Dodecanese (north-west of Rhodes), where no foreigner is allowed to land. This base is

just as close to the Turkish mainland as Malta is to the Italian, and would presumably, therefore, be just as subject to air attack, should Turkey happen to be on the wrong side, as she probably would.

In the event of a Mediterranean war, the main British defensive commitment would be the maintenance of the shipping route through that sea. If both Italy and Spain were against us, those routes would be chiefly liable to interruption at two places:

One would be at Gibraltar. Although it has often been spoken of with particular concern, this western menace is not the most serious one. Guns overlooking the Straits of Gibraltar could not effectively prevent the passage of merchant ships, still less of warships.

The narrow part of the Straits is so short, and the coasts open out so steeply each side of it, that even a slow ship could pass the dangerous area during the dark hours.

A more serious danger would be an attack from the southern Spanish coast to the eastward of the Straits. This, however, would lack the co-ordination with other forms of attack which, as we shall see, is to be expected further east.

The other and more serious danger point is the channel between Sicily and Africa. In that area, ships would be exposed to a concentrated attack by Italian aircraft rendered all the more formidable by the fact that the predominance of the German Air Force in Europe would presumably bestow on the Italians a local superiority over the French in South Mediterranean waters.

Moreover, this air attack could be accompanied by the operations of large numbers of submarines and of

steam and motor torpedo-boats, in all of which small classes of ship the Italians possess a large superiority.

Opinions differ as to whether it would be possible to force a passage for merchant shipping in the face of such opposition, but there is no doubt that to do so would occupy the whole attention, of the British Fleet and seriously hamper its offensive operations.

In view of the extremely promising results to be expected of offensive action, it is, therefore highly desirable that the Fleet should be freed of the embarrassment of the Mediterranean traffic.

Fortunately, this traffic is not as heavy as many people think. British supplies coming through the Suez Canal average only about 12 per cent. of the total, and for them there is the alternative Cape route.

Trade with countries inside the Mediterranean comes to another 10 per cent. or thereabouts. But the main thing is that there are no British supplies passing Gibraltar that cannot be obtained, if necessary, from elsewhere.

As regards France, the threat to her sea routes with North Africa from a hostile occupation of the Balearic Islands is hardly as bad as is frequently urged.

These routes can be reached well enough from Italian naval bases in Italy and Sardinia, and the fact that some of the ships might use the Balearic Islands ought not to make very much difference.

Air attack from the islands would also serve to intensify an existing danger, rather than create a new one. Nor should we forget that the Balearic Islands are within comfortable bombing range of both France and North Africa, and might therefore be made nearly as unhealthy as Malta.

When we turn to consider the offensive possibilities of the Anglo-French

combination, the prospects are very satisfactory; always provided that the British Fleet base is reasonably secure.

In the larger classes of warship, and taking the British Mediterranean Fleet at its present strength, the French and British have six battle-ships to the Italians' two, two aircraft carriers to the Italians' none, ten heavy and nine lighter cruisers to the Italians' seven and 18, and 64 destroyers to the Italians' 59, about 30 of the French destroyers being particularly large and powerful ships.

In the face of this combination, Italy is vulnerable indeed. Of her total imports, 85 per cent. are sea-borne, and about 70 per cent. come through either the Suez Canal or the Straits of Gibraltar. Almost certainly the whole of this 85 per cent. could be cut off, and with them would go the Italian communications with Abyssinia and probably with Libya.

Italy has a particularly long coast line with many important towns on the sea shore. Should it unfortunately happen that air bombing of cities causes a deterioration in warlike conventions, these coast towns would fall an easy prey to warships' guns.

If Spain is more self-supporting than Italy, she too, is peculiarly exposed to maritime pressure. With a superior British fleet on her Atlantic coast, a superior French fleet on her Mediterranean and with France itself making the only other frontier, her trade would be cut off as clean as a whistle.

What could she gain? Possibly Gibraltar. But while Spanish guns were pounding at the Rock, French guns across the Straits would be covering the advance of the French North Africa army into Spanish Morocco.

Italian participation in the war seems to offer very little advantage to Italy, though it might be of advantage to Germany.

REACTIONS TO SPEECH

Favourable Comment By Neutrals

LONDON, May 2 (Reuters).—Brussels papers admit that the Germans have obtained important successes in Norway, but whereas some of them suggest that these are decisive, others take a more objective view.

Many papers pay tribute to the British press for its honest realism and point out that the British public supports ill-fidings better than any other.

The "Nation Belge" says that German losses at sea are undoubtedly heavier than those of the Allies.

Raiders Becoming Rare

The "Meuse" says: "It is notable that the German attacks in the North Sea are becoming rare and raids on British bases are exceptional. This proves that the Scandinavian efforts are heavy for the Reich. They seem to cost 500 tons of oil daily without counting about 40 transports sunk in the short interval, constituting a serious loss of tonnage, arms, provisions and men."

Judgment Suspended

AMSTERDAM, May 2 (Reuters).—While Mr. Chamberlain's statement was read with interest in Holland, the general verdict of the public to-night was that judgment must be suspended until events in Norway are further clarified.

There is no disposition to attach undue weight to the general claims of successes, and the actual facts of the Allied landings and air force bombings have made a considerable counter-impression.

Mr. Chamberlain's reference to Holland is not commented on officially, but the Dutch attitude is that they are now well-prepared to tackle any would-be invader.

Washington Opinion

WASHINGTON, May 2 (Reuters).—Mr. Chamberlain's announcement of the British withdrawal from Andalsnes is felt to be inevitable in military circles here because of the start the Germans obtained.

For some time past the opinion has been expressed in these quarters that the German Norwegian campaign was in the nature of a decoy. The refusal of the British to fall into this trap despite the adverse effect of a decision might have on public opinion is held to be wise.

Rumours have been current in diplomatic circles since the Scandinavian invasion that not only was it a prelude to an Italian drive in the Mediterranean area agreed upon at the Brenner meeting between Hitler and Mussolini, but also that Hitler might attempt to better Napoleon by staging a raid on England herself through Holland.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech also helped to correct the impression of a German success due to efficiency by emphasising German treachery and violation of international standards of conduct.

Western Front Activity

PARIS, May 2 (Reuters).—To-day's communiqué says that there was activity of contact units.

An encounter between patrols in the Vosges turned to our advantage. During operations in the North Sea, one of our destroyers was seriously damaged. One of our patrol ships was sunk by a mine.

On the other hand, one of our submarines torpedoed an enemy submarine.

BRITISH PLEDGE RENEWED

To Fight On Until Norway Is Free

LONDON, May 2 (Reuters).—A further pledge that Britain will fight until the freedom of the Norwegian people has been restored was given in a speech yesterday by Sir Kingsley Wood, Lord Privy Seal.

Ribbentrop's explanation of the German attack on Norway deceived no one, he said.

Referring to the forces gathering in the near Middle East, he said that these were not a menace to anyone. They were there for whatever duty they might be called on to face and their presence, he said, would fortify our good friends in Egypt and Turkey.

STOCK EXCHANGE BRIGHTER

LONDON, May 2 (Reuters).—The Stock Exchange was brighter and more active to-day owing to large investment interest.

Gilt-edged holdings advanced steadily and oils recovered after yesterday's depression. Industrials were irregular though showing numerous gains.

Gold-mining securities were steady. Wall Street was firm.

BELGIUM ABLE TO DEFEND HERSELF

BRUSSELS, May 2 (Reuters).—"We can hope that the war will be spared us since the Belgium of 1940 is not the Belgium of 1914," declared M. Spaak in a speech at Antwerp to-day.

"We are able to defend ourselves. Our strong army and strong country considerably increase the strength of our defensive system," he concluded.

Countering Subversion

Home Secretary To Take Measures

LONDON, May 2 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, was questioned with regard to subversive journals and organisations.

The Home Secretary said that an attempt to suppress statements which may be open to objection on the ground that the language used is inaccurate or immoderate would involve very extensive interference with the liberty of the Press.

"What I am considering is a guarded and limited provision to enable action to be taken in serious cases of propaganda deliberately designed to impede national war-efforts," he said.

In Any Case, Why Insult The Poor Beasts?

LONDON, May 2 (Reuters).—Amidst the welter of war news, crisis news and tension news, an item of sporting news appears which forms some comic relief.

The Nazi chief of the trotting flat racing has given a warning that race horses must not be named Adolf, Hermann or Ribbentrop.

He also announces that only names considered to be in good taste by the racing authorities may be used.

It has been suggested that this is due to a fear that one day a horse Adolf or Hermann might be allowed to come home among the also-runs.

KING AND QUEEN CONTINUE TOUR

LONDON, May 2 (Reuters).—Continuing their tour of south Lancashire, Their Majesties the King and Queen to-day visited more armament factories where they saw tanks at all stages of construction.

They later watched one tank being put through a test run.

They spent Wednesday night at the Hotel Royal which is situated on the shores of Lake Windermere.

FRENCH PROTEST TO JAPAN

PARIS, May 2 (UP).—It is officially announced that the French Ambassador to Tokyo has protested to the Japanese Foreign Office against the Japanese bombing of the Yunnan railway on April 28 and 30.

UNITED STATES AND GREENLAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". COPENHAGEN, May 2 (UP).—In connection with Washington reports that United States consuls are being sent to Greenland, the Official Danish News Agency to-day reports that the Danish Government is considering sending a Commission of experts to the United States to take care of Danish interests in Greenland.

TURKISH TRADE MISSION

ISTANBUL, May 2 (Reuters).—An economic mission is leaving here on Saturday for Bucharest to begin trade negotiations with the Rumanian Government.

Admiral Stark's Warning

U.S. Naval Strength May Be Insufficient

WASHINGTON, May 2 (Reuters).—Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, informed the United States Chamber of Commerce to-day that the present United States naval strength might not be sufficient to protect the country in future.

He declared that the minimum requirement for self-reliance and self-defence was to keep up the fleet to the 5-5-3 ratio, of the Washington Treaty.

Admiral Stark spoke after the Chamber had called for a faster United States arm on a "Pay as We Go" basis.

No German Patrol Ships In Danube

SOFIA, May 2 (Reuters).—The Bulgarian telegraph agency is officially authorised to deny that German patrol vessels disguised as barges have anchored at Rusechuk.

Food For Norway's Population

LONDON, May 2 (Reuters).—Mr. A. T. Lennox-Boyd, Parliamentary Secretary for Home Security, told the House of Commons to-day that the Government was actively considering easing the food situation in Norway by allowing the importation of foodstuffs from the areas where British troops are operating are supplied with food.

Sloop Sunk By Aircraft

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, May 2 (UP).—An Admiralty communiqué issued to-day announces the loss of H.M.S. Blitern, a sloop of 1,190 tons, commanded by Lieut-Commander R. H. Mills.

"This ship was repeatedly attacked by enemy aircraft," says the Admiralty statement on the loss of the vessel.

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distribution of the main Allied fleets.

"In this connection," he continued, "I might mention that it has been thought possible to divert the normal distribution of ships in the Mediterranean which for some time has been affected by our requirements in the North Sea."

"The British and French battle fleet with cruisers and auxiliary craft is already in the eastern basin of the Mediterranean on its way to Alexandria."

Turning to the Norwegian campaign, Mr. Chamberlain said that the German losses amounted to many thousands.

"It is far too soon to strike the Norwegian balance sheet yet," he said, "for the campaign has merely concluded a single phase in which it is safe to say that we have not achieved our objective neither have the Germans achieved theirs. Their losses are far greater than ours."

"But I would take this opportunity of addressing a warning both to this House and to the country."

Not A Sideshow

"We have no intention of allowing Norway to become a sideshow but neither are we going to be trapped into such a dispersal of our forces as would leave us dangerously weak at the vital centres."

"We know that our enemy holds the central position. They have immense forces always mounted ready for attack and an attack can be launched with lightning rapidity in any one of the many fields."

"We know that they are prepared and would not scruple to invade Holland or Belgium or both."

"Or it may be that their savage hordes will be hurled against their innocent neighbours in south-east Europe."

May Attack England

"They might well do more than one of these things—attempt a large scale attack on the Western Front or attempt a lightning swoop on this country."

"It would be foolish indeed to reveal to the enemy our conception of the strategy which is best calculated to secure their defeat."

"But this can be said—for it is obvious—that we must not so disperse our forces, as to weaken our freedom of action in vital emergencies which may at any moment arise."

"We must seize every chance as we have done and shall continue to do in Norway to inflict damage upon the enemy. But we must not allow ourselves to forget that a long term of strategy will win the war."

"Let me repeat that what I have said is only an interim statement. Certain operations are in progress and we must do nothing which might jeopardise the lives of those engaged in them."

Discussion Postponed

LONDON, May 2 (Reuters).—Both Mr. C. R. Attlee (Leader of the Labour Opposition) and Sir Archibald Sinclair (Leader of the Liberal Opposition) agreed that it was inadvisable to have a discussion to-day and Mr. Chamberlain then announced that next Tuesday there would be a further statement and discussion on the war situation.

Statement In Lords

LONDON, May 2 (Reuters).—In the House of Lords to-day, Lord Hankey made a statement on the war situation similar to Mr. Chamberlain's in the House of Commons.

Lord Snell (Labour) said that he would comply with the Government's request not to debate the statement, but at the same time they, as a party, were far from happy concerning certain events and the preparations made to deal with them.

Woodring To Give Up Office

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, May 2 (UP).—Mr. Harry Woodring, Secretary of War, said he is leaving the Cabinet next January regardless of whether or not President Roosevelt runs for a third term.

He said the decision is purely for personal reasons.

Greece Calls Up More Reserves

ATHENS, May 2 (Reuters).—Ten classes of reserve officers are called up for a month's training. They will be called in four series, the first of which must report on May 15. The highest rank of non-commissioned officers is included in the call-up.

LONDON, May 2 (Reuters).—Her Majesty the Queen sent 79 articles of clothing including socks and pyjamas, to the Prisoners of War Department of the Red Cross.

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apart from unimportant centres of resistance.

"German troops advancing to the east in the Bergen sector have occupied the large power station and aluminium works at Kinsarvik."

A further D.N.B. report claims that the German troops are at present engaged "in breaking down the last enemy resistance near Andalsnes."

"Thereby, the enemy's attempt to halt the advance of the German troops has been finally shattered. The fighting around Andalsnes is at present no difficult military problem," the report adds.

Further it states that the enemy is in retreat towards Andalsnes. "Only at isolated points are they desperately attempting to prevent the retreat from developing into a panic-like flight. The advancing German troops, however, are breaking all resistance," D.N.B. declares.

German Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BERLIN, May 2 (UP).—The German High Command, in the first communiqué for two days to give a detailed account of the fighting in central Norway, claimed to-day that the Germans were thrusting down the Homdal Valley from Dombås, driving the British forces in "headlong retreat" towards Andalsnes and the sea.

Responsible German quarters admitted that they do not know what the present British intentions, but expressed the opinion that a rapid withdrawal towards the base at Andalsnes leaving, according to German claims, only a light screen of Norwegian forces to cover their retreat, indicates that the British are planning to re-embark at Andalsnes and evacuate that entire area of Norway.

Although the German High Command's communiqué does not mention the actual fall of Dombås, responsible German quarters said it is now, without the slightest doubt, in German hands since the communiqué describes the Germans as being only 30 miles southeast of Andalsnes—about half way down the Homdal Valley between Dombås and the sea.

Belated Correction

There is no explanation why the High Command after 24 hours issued a belated correction to yesterday's communiqué to state that fighting is still continuing in the Dombås area.

In any case to-day's communiqué indicates that the belated retraction to the claim to have captured Dombås although it may indicate that 48 hours ago—the period which yesterday's communiqué describes—Dombås was not actually in German hands.

The belief in German quarters is that if the British are actually retreating to prepare for embarkation, it should be only a matter of two or three days before the Germans clear up this entire sector, leaving possibly a few scattered Norwegian detachments in the Osterdal region which, it is noticed, is not mentioned in to-day's communiqué.

There is no information in Berlin about the Norwegians' position, but it is believed they will have but slight importance since any Norwegian or Allied in Osterdal would presumably be cut off from the main body retreating towards Andalsnes.

In that case their only hope of avoiding ultimate capture would be if they succeeded in forcing their way over the Swedish frontier.

Osterdal Valley Battle

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". ROEROS, May 2 (UP).—Norwegian military officers to-day revealed that a pitched battle between German troops, Norwegian regulars and Swedish volunteers began at 1 p.m. to-day in the area eight miles southwest of Roeros in the Osterdal Valley.

German Version

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BERLIN, May 2 (UP).—A German High Command communiqué says the British are evacuating the area around Andalsnes.

D.N.B. claims that the British have evacuated Dombås.

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solist yesterday. The talk, he said, was of a general character and consisted of an interchange of views on the international situation.

Reassuring Statement

PARIS, May 2 (Reuters).—According to a Rome despatch, it is believed that when the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, called on Count Ciano, he was given a reassuring statement concerning Italian intentions regarding Yugoslavia.

Secret Appeal Denied

BELGRADE, May 2 (Reuters).—The reports that Prince Paul, the senior Regent of Yugoslavia, had been on a visit to Rumania and had made a secret appeal for aid to King Carol are "entirely without foundation,"

A Yugoslav official, who is close to the Prime Minister, announced this to "Reuters" to-day.

Responsible circles here believe that the situation is not such as to warrant any appeal from Yugoslavia to any other State for special aid of a diplomatic nature or otherwise.

MADRID, May 2 (Reuters).—The uncertain state of relations between the Allies and Italy, emphasised by the closing of the Mediterranean to British shipping, is taken with remarkable calm here.

The opinion is becoming more emphatic that unless Spanish sovereignty in the Balearic Islands or elsewhere is violated, Spain will remain neutral.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 3, 1900.
The House of Commons has read the Deceased Wife's Sisters' Bill a second time.

Mr. Percival Spencer, the well known aeronaut and parachutist, arrived in Singapore on the 23 ult. per steamship Wing Sang from Calcutta and says the "Free Press" intends during his stay to give one of those aerial performances which have caused such a sensation among the hundreds of thousands of spectators who have witnessed them during the Indian tour.

We are informed that Mr. Spencer will also give balloon ascent and parachute descent at Batavia and other Dutch towns, Hongkong, Shanghai and Nagasaki, the desideratum of course being that the places visited have facilities for supplying the gas required to inflate the balloon, although, if necessary, Mr. Spencer is prepared to manufacture the necessary supplies of hydrogen in the absence of a gas company.

A common notion, which seems to be upset by the success of parachuting, is that a fall through the air of a hundred feet is necessarily fatal. A series of suicides from lofty bridges have been supposed to kill before the body reached the ground. There can no longer be the slightest doubt, according to Mr. Spencer, upon this point. At Dombås, the other day, he dropped between 200 and 300 feet before the parachute opened, and this drop was to all intents and purposes a fall of that extent. Were there anything in the old theory, the results in such a case would be apoplexy.

25 YEARS AGO

May 3, 1915.
According to Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent the Kaiser and Prince Henry of Prussia, have inspected the Antwerp fortifications, harbour and submarine yards. Both looked well, but older. The visit was kept secret for fear of any attempt on the Kaiser's life.

10 YEARS AGO

May 3, 1930.
Against Worcestershire to-day the Australians piled up a total of 492 runs for the loss of eight wickets, the innings being marked by the display of D. Bradman, of New South Wales, who scored 230 runs.

Wide interest has been shown, not only in Kowloon but also in other parts of the colony, in the arrangements being made to welcome the new Governor on the occasion of his first visit to the Peninsula. It is the first time in the history of Hongkong that a celebration has been planned, and the event will mark another stage in the progress of Kowloon.

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday received notice of an extraordinary general meeting to be held in the Club house on Friday, May 9, when several important proposals will be discussed, including the building of a new Club house at a total cost of \$100,000.

5 YEARS AGO

May 3, 1935.
The entire British nation, as represented by the political leaders in the House of Commons, forcefully condemns the attitude and policy of the German Government with respect to armaments and peace structure of Europe generally.

Sir Austen Chamberlain brought the House cheerfully to its feet when he said: "If Germany won't join the family of nations and if instead of seeking to persuade she means to extort or impose her will, she will find this country in her path, and with this country that great free Commonwealth while it centres around us, and she will meet a force that once again will be her master."

General military conscription will come into force in Germany on October 1. The plan, according to authoritative circles is to train for conscription the various classes called up, but there will be voluntary enlistment of men in special units such as the Air Force and the motorised sections of the army, which require more elaborate training.

General Goerring, Premier of Prussia, in an address to-day declared that Germany was prepared, and sufficiently strong, to meet an attack from any quarter. There was no longer any use in talking about security of armaments in the air; that had already been attained.

General Goerring wound up by saying that Germany has done something decisive for peace. She has reformed.

League of Nations circles to-day welcomed the signature of the Franco-Soviet Pact of mutual assistance in the event of aggression occurring against either state. It is felt that the treaty is within the compass of the League Covenant and is calculated to strengthen the system of collective security.

Nazi Coal For Italy

ROME, May 2 (Reuters).—The Minister of Communications, Signor Rocco, writing to Signor Mussolini states that the efforts to meet Italy's entire demand for foreign coal by imports from Germany, following Britain's embargo on sea-borne traffic, has met virtually with complete success.

The letter says that the programme called for a monthly delivery of 1,000,000 tons and during April Italy received 980,000 tons.

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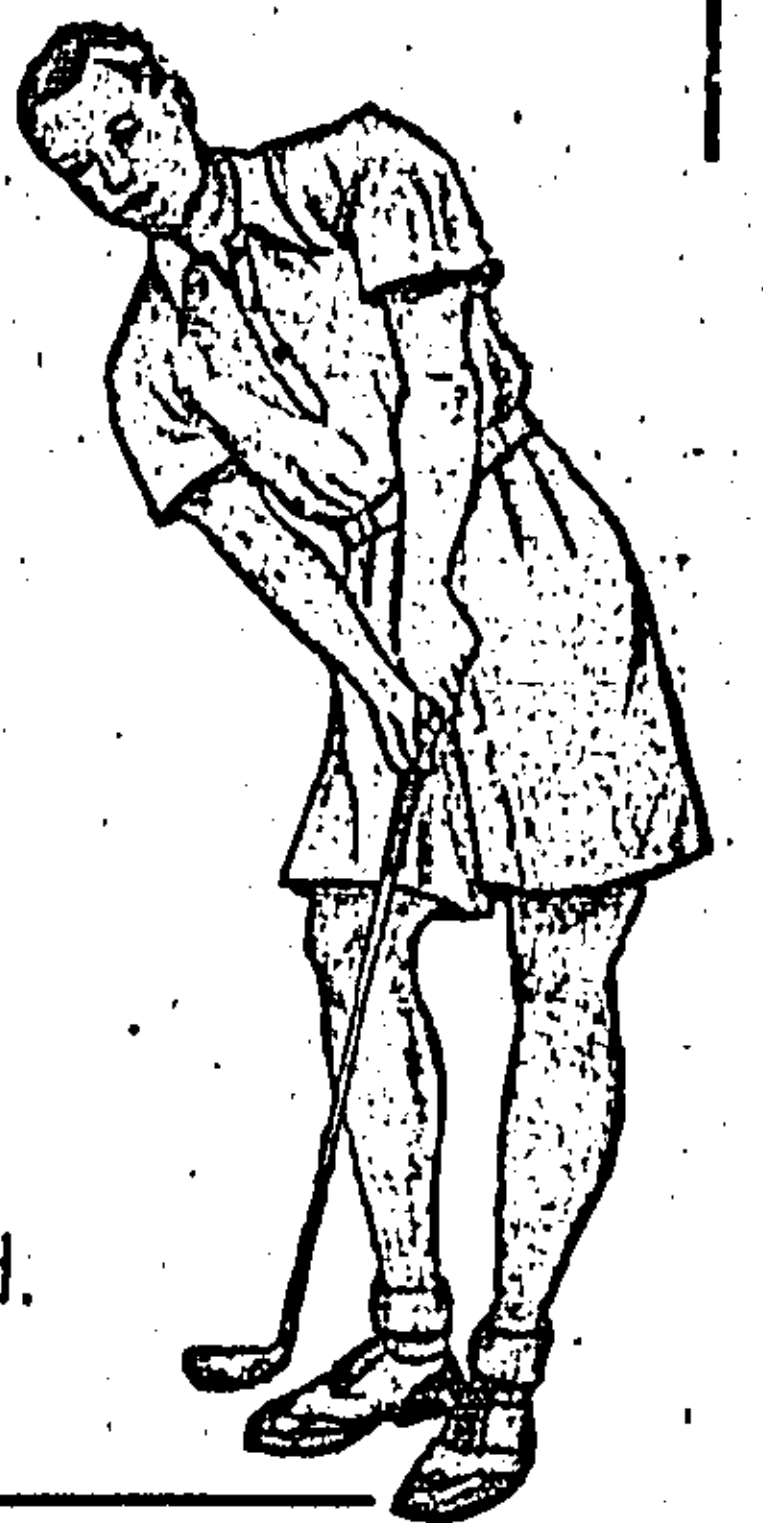
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MAY MEETING AT MACAO

HOW "DARK TIPS" ARE BORN

Trainers And Early Morning Gallops

LATELY it has been quite common to see a "so-so pony" of unknown qualities being made a hot favourite without any justification. I have often heard the question being asked the regular men of the turf, and do not think it is hard to reply. But let us go back to the first chapter of the story to trace the origin of a sudden rise to fame in the pari-mutuel department.

We all know that race ponies must be exercised, but the actual time for galloping is a question that often leads to interesting discussion.

For instance, one trainer would like to have the race-course overseer (Mr. Fiji) set his alarm half an hour before daylight, so that he could be on the course before the "early birds" are awake. The other "gentleman rough rider" wants to use the cinder track when the newspaper clockers are away having their 11 a.m. coffee in town. The majority of the prudent cavaliers work their ponies within half an hour after sunrise.

One must admit that there are no hard and fast rules as far as winning races are concerned. It cannot be proved that the early risers have had more successes than others.

I may be of the old school, but it is my humble opinion that galloping before daybreak should not be encouraged in any way because it leads to a certain degree of abuses in favour of those trainers, who make a habit of doing a little quiet business. After all, no one races for the interests of his trainer, and an owner is surely entitled to see the progress of the training, especially the gallop and the finish of the pony in the home stretch.

TRAINERS' REPORTS

I DO not propose to ask owners to take me into their confidence, but it would be advisable for their own good not to put any great faith in his trainer's report that his or her pony had performed a fine gallop before the rising of the ink. Our cinder track has never been fitted with floodlights and it would certainly interest any sensible racing fan to know what sort of a telescope was used to see the intermediate distance posts, thus enabling the mafoos timekeeper to keep a record of the various quarters.

All these excellent fast gallops in the dark are, at most times, highly exaggerated by the trainers for their own ends. A rumour will always find a band of punters trying to nose in for the exact time of the gallop. The "open sesame" has never failed to let the cat out of the bag and yet it was a gallop which

Altered Probables For 2,000 Guineas

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—The following further alterations have been made to the list of probable for the 2,000 Guineas:

Pat Densley rides Credentia, Brennan rides Drawing Prize, Jones Great Truth and E. Smith Valeraine, Dame Detrefle has scratched.

the trainer did not want to go beyond his master.

Then with usual promise not to radio the news, it is spread so rapidly that before the day was over it becomes the public property.

"DEAD CERTAINTIES"

IT would serve no purpose to list in this column a few of the "dead certainties" which did not turn up. The "dark tips" played their game, and left only disappointed backers. Punters, who have made their business to hang around the trainers for information, should know by now that the best gambling is to follow the ranks of those owners who show everything in broad daylight.

We have, before the recess another two extra meetings, to give those who have gone down the sink opportunity to recuperate their losses. The Whitsun Meeting will be two days of racing on May 11 and 13, and the Jockey Club will close their first half season on May 25 with a special dollar cash sweep on the Lantau Handicap.

It is interesting to relate that on the first day of the Whitsun Meeting, the Lend Mine Handicap (first and second sections) to be ridden by novices is over the Derby course of 1½ miles, and the Bondi Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies is also over the same distance.

On the second day, the Manly Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies is a distance run over 1½ miles and in addition there are a few 1¼ miles' journeys for the Australian and China ponies of various classes.



Interesting Events Promised to Punters For Sunday's Races

IN VIEW OF THE WHITSUN MEETING being two days of racing at Happy Valley, familiars such as Double Chance, Jack O'Lantern, Talkative and a few others will not be seen in action at the May Race Meeting to be held at Arcoia Preta under the auspices of the Macao Jockey Club on Sunday. Taking everything on the whole the entries have been quite good and a good day's sport is assured.

The opening event will be the Kwan Chap Stakes for China ponies "Y" class, and the run is over the mile course. Meadow Eve was unlucky to be nosed out of third place at the last meeting, and it appeared to me at the time that the heavy going was not to his liking. What weather we are going to have on Sunday is not for me to predict, but judging from the forecast it looks that the track will be firm.

With this in view Meadow Eve should be able to make amends, and, furthermore, the grey gelding has a pull of a few pounds. It is not a handicap event, but the assessment on the amount of stakes won is in his favour. Fairy Auk and Likevide Fairy Ousel may offer a strong challenge, but I am afraid Meadow Eve is well keyed for the fight.

WANCHAI STAKES

Shanghai 4 Carries Heavy Burden

IN THE SHEKKI HANDICAP at the last meeting the handicapper was called upon to frame a list of weights between the "X" and "Y" classes among the China ponies. One would hardly believe that the first two placed ponies in the said contest were the tiny-lots raced a few years ago in Shanghai, and Shanghai 4 won as he liked.

However, the latter has some nice weight to carry in the Wanchai Stakes over a mile, and I doubt very much Shanghai 4 will accept the impost of 170 lbs. assessed on the total of stake money won since January 1.

At this time last year, Eagle was in fine fettle, and should be able to reproduce a bit of the form, the brown should win with Iron Knight and Labour Day to follow in the rear.

MA KOK HANDICAP

Splendid Chance For Radium Star

THE POST OF HONOUR has fallen upon Radium Star in the first section of the Ma Kok Handicap for "E" class China ponies over half mile, and I have reason to believe that the blackie will make the excursion trip.

Final Selections

KWAN CHAP STAKES

Meadow Eve
Fairy Auk
Fairy Ousel

WANCHAI STAKES

Eagle
Iron Knight
Labour Day

MA KOK HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Radium Star
Wild Bear
Popular Star

NAM WAN HANDICAP

Gold Coin
Night View
Golden Cow

MA KOK HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Mac's Adventure
National Anthem
Persian Cat

Whether he is a good sailor I am not in a position to say, but I think that Radium Star is a type of an animal that can stand anything, and the pony has a good sporting chance of presenting his card to the Portuguese judge.

There does not seem to be any flaw in the adjustment of the poundage between Heddon, Popular Star and Wild Bear, and all of them have equal chances.

NAM WAN H'CAP

Battle Between Night View and Gold Coin

WE SHOULD SEE a good field in the Nam Wan Handicap for "D" class China ponies, and no doubt all eyes will be focused on the running of Shanghai 4 against the top notchers from Happy Valley. The sprint is over six furlongs and should the going be heavy, I would suggest a \$5 investment each way on Shanghai 4.

When they clashed in the Hin Wan Cup at the last meeting, Night View (winner) was conceding 8 lbs. to the third pony (Gold Coin), and the distance of beating was not more than a length. On Sunday, Night View has been set to carry an extra load of 8 lbs. and this means that Gold Coin has a pull of 16 lbs. But both these two steeds are subject to fits of the sulks, and they have in the past let the public down for no earthly reason. Of the two I prefer Gold Coin.

Golden Cow had never left the Island for Macao, but with only an impost of 145 lbs. he should give the top-lighters a good run for the money. I cannot say that Dekko is

Kumaon Rifles Win Large Units Hockey Tourney

TWO GOALS from Partaub Singh, brilliant Kumaon and Hongkong left winger, gave the Kumaon Rifles victory over the H.K.S.R.A. in the final of the Large Units Hockey Tournament yesterday at Sookunpoo.

Partaub scored within the first ten minutes of the game from a good pass from the centre. Thereafter followed a considerable amount of mid-field play, and it was only in the closing stages of the game that Partaub added his second goal and put the issue beyond doubt.

Credit must be given to the excellent display by Hansa Datt and Naval Singh, the Kumaon's backs, who were time and again instrumental in frustrating the keen attacks of the H.K.S.R.A. forwards.

H.E., the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grasett presented the cup to the winning team at the conclusion of the match.

The teams were:
H.K.S.R.A.: Mohd Fozal; Mohd Yusaf, Kishan Singh; Hansa Singh; Abdul Rahman; Mohd; Khuda Bux; Manna Singh; Dalip Singh; Rajah Khan and Mohd Ali.
Kumaon Rifles: Nera Singh; Quakin Singh; Naval Singh; Hansa Datt; Krishna Singh; Lal Singh; Capt. L. J. C. Loch; Sher Singh; Triok Singh; Varain Singh and Partaub Singh.

looking extremely well, and Fel Ying seems to be lacking substance and energy. Matador is trying to win out of his class.

MA KOK HANDICAP (Second Section)

THE HANDICAPPER has assigned seven "E" class China ponies to the second section of the Ma Kok Handicap, and the scramble is over half mile. The sprint should be a fine contest owing to the fact that Dow Jones (after two successes in this section) has been promoted to the senior division, and his absence will undoubtedly stimulate the interest in the betting department.

Although both carried apprentices, the running of New Bedford (second) and Mac's Adventure (third) at the last meeting was a good show, and they have been penalised accordingly. Before the race, Mac's Adventure unseated his jockey and should be in the same mettle on Sunday, it will mean that the grey pony is well keyed for the security. At any rate I think his chances are very bright.

It was not to be expected that King's Envoy carrying 165 lbs., and National Anthem with the usual put up a decent fight in the Chinshan Handicap run on April 14 on a grass track covered with water. Both have been handicapped to face the barrier with 7 lbs. less and they are dangerous. For a long shot Persian Cat is recommended.

CONSOLATION STAKES

THE LAST EVENT, the Consolation Stakes for "Y" class China ponies, is to be ridden by novices and being post entries, the tipping must be left to readers' discretion.

Baseball Postponed By Weather

NEW YORK, May 2 (UP).—The weather has again proved an upset in the Major Baseball programme to-day.

In the National League the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh, the Chicago-Boston and the Brooklyn-Cincinnati games were postponed because of rain.

The American League the Cleveland-Philadelphia, the Chicago-Boston and the St. Louis New York games were washed out.

Matches played were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
New York	7	14	2
St. Louis	4	5	0
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	5	8	2
Washington	3	6	0

Baseball League Entries

At a meeting of the Baseball League Clubs yesterday it was decided to close entries on May 14. The first matches will be held on May 18. Entrance fees for teams with commercial names will be \$100 and other teams \$50.

DOUBLES FINAL SHOULD ATTRACT LARGE CROWD

FOLLOWING that great upset in the Tennis Singles Final, there has been considerable speculation as to whether the Rumphees cousins, S.Z. and H.D., can bring off a "double" and beat the Tsui brothers, the holders, in the Doubles Final this afternoon.

However, despite Wednesday's display by Tsui Wal-pui, the odds are still in favour of the holders retaining their title, but there is no estimating what effect S.A. Rumphees' victory on Wednesday will have on the famed doubles combination to-day. They are still a force to be respected, and, who knows, but that a second surprise might be provided.

A large crowd is anticipated.

Excellent Standards At Colony Athletic Meet Yesterday

TIMES AND DISTANCES at the All-Schools Athletic Meet at Caroline Hill yesterday were of an excellent standard. Capt. P. J. Skipwith (R.A.), after being left at the start, clocked the fine figures of 17 seconds for the 110 metres High Hurdles, beating B. S. Wilson, former inter-School champion, by one-tenth of a second. Throwing the discus 118 feet 4½ inches, D. H. Taylor (Police) won the Discus Throw Open to the Colony.

Heung Kat-sang (C.A.A.F.) ran brilliantly in the 800 metres to win by 20 yards from Pte. Manson (R. Scots) in 2 mins. 10.5 secs. Heung ran into a big lead over the first 400 metres, and was never challenged thereafter.

Outstanding performance among the Schools was the 6.8 seconds dash of Miss Yip Kwai-ching over the 50 metres, equalling the China national record for that distance, established by Miss Cheung Kit-king at Nanking in 1934. Miss Yip is in the Chan Kwong Middle School.

The inter-Schools record for the 100 metres was bettered by Lai Cheung-yin in the Boys' "B" grade heats. He covered the distance in 11.5 seconds—the Schools' record is 11.8 secs.

The meeting continues to-day and ends to-morrow. Yesterday's finish were:

Boys' Shot Putt, C Grade.—1, Yau Suk-pui (Pui Ying); 2, Chan Kwok-wing (Pui Ying); 3, Leung Kwok-ching (Tak Ming); 4, Yu Kwok-hei (Pui Ying). Distance 11.43 metres.

Girls' Throwing the Baseball, A Grade.—1, Wu Tsoi-fa (Chan Kwong); 2, Teresa Noronha (St. Paul's); 3, Leung Yuet-king (Chan Kwong); 4, Lam Wing-yu (Chan Kwong). Distance 50 metres.

Boys' High Jump, B Grade.—1, Wen Keshing (Wah Yan); 2, Tang Kai-shu (Pui Ying); 3, Chan Yiu-fong (Wah Yan); 4, The Chin-ping (Pui Ying) Height 1.53 metres.

Girls' Javelin Throw, A Grade.—1, Ng Shuen-chiu (Canton University). Distance 40.08 metres.

Boys' Long Jump, B Grade.—1, Chan Tit-ki; 2, Leung Kwan-kwan; 3, Ling Hau-ming; 4, Au Yeung Wing-yu. Distance 4.04 metres.

Girls' Shot Putt, A Grade.—1, Yip Mo-ching (Fong Lam); 2, Jacky Anderson (St. Paul's); 3, Ling Pui-hing (Chan Kwong); 4, Guelda Lee (St. Paul's). Distance 9.07 metres.

Men's Discus Throw.—1, D. H. Taylor (30.10 metres); 2, Capt. P. J. Skipwith (R.A.) (31.70 metres); 3, Pte. Phillips (30.25 metres); 4, Wong Yu-chong (29.02 metres).

110 Metres Hurdles.—1, Capt. P. J. Skipwith, R.A.; 2, B. S. Wilson; 3, Norman Singh, Time 17 secs.

Women's 200 Metres.—1, June Hall; 2, Irene Lopez. Time 25.0/10 secs.

Finalists in the 100 metres open are A. Leonard, winner of the first heat in 11.5 sec., J. Odell, Sung Pui, Cheung Nai-sing, winner of the second heat in 11.8 secs, Sig. L. Parry, Hui Ping-yung.

Referees' Assn. Whist Drive

THE THIRD monthly Whist Drive of the Hongkong Referees' Association will be held in the Hotel Cecil to-morrow at 8.30 p.m. Excellent prizes have been presented by the China Emporium.

Messrs. C. E. Ford and Nottall will again be M.C.'s. It is hoped to run these Whist Drives throughout the year. Tickets are \$1 each, and can be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Smith, from any Football Referee, or at the door.

Charity Soccer Match

Navy To Meet Eastern At Causeway Bay

AN INTERESTING charity football match will take place on Sunday, at Causeway Bay, when Royal Navy, who completed their fixture as top Service team in the First Division of the League, meet Eastern Athletic Association, fresh from their successes in Manila.

Despite their early season lumps, Royal Navy have given many sparkling performances lately, and accounted for South China A., Middlesex Club and Royal Scots in a run of successes.

The Senior Service will be fielding a powerful side and, on current form, should fully extend the powerful Eastern combination, which will include three Shanghai (Lido) stars, who performed so successfully in Manila a fortnight ago.

THE TEAMS

Eastern's line up will be Lau Hin-hon; N. Z. Lee, who is a former Shanghai Interport centre-half, and Tsang Chung-wan; Lau Tse-kan, Hsu King-sing, Hongkong's Interport left-half, and Lo Wal-kuen; Chung Yung-sam, Cheung Kam-hoi, Lee Tackee, V. K. Hyui, Shanghai Lido centre-forward and Interport reserve, and either C. T. Tsao, former Shanghai Interport left-winger, or Hau Ching-to, Hongkong Interport left-winger.

The Navy team will be Robinson, Interport goalkeeper; Roughly and Howell; Honeywell, Nichols and Britt; Phippen, Le Page, Hendy, Thoburn and Bourne. Reserves, O'Regan, Forrester, Goodwin and Nicholson.

The match will commence at 4.30 p.m. and is in aid of British Naval Charities and the Chinese Friends of the Wounded Movement.

M. Pagh Wins Club Handicap Singles Title

M. PAGH, Hongkong C.C. tennis champion, with a handicap of -30/3, beat A. H. Barwell (-1/0) by 2-6, 6-3 in the final of the Handicap Singles competition yesterday. Pagh has thus won his second trophy.

The tennis was hardly of a high standard. Pagh featured some hard driving, but for the most part received little opposition from his opponent.

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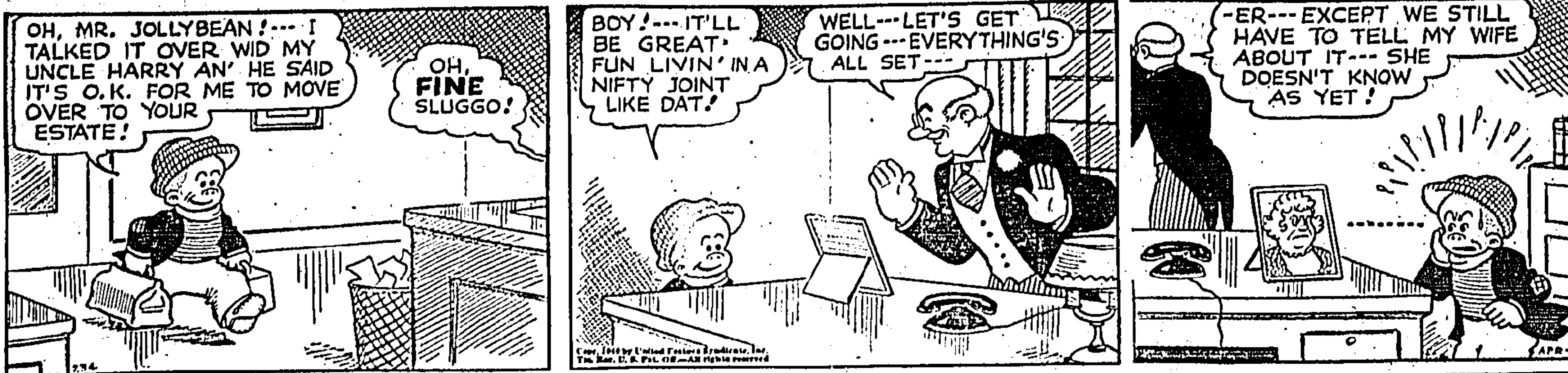
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1.12 New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 "Band Wagon."

With Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and Company. Produced by Harry Pepper and Gordon Crier.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 An Hour of Dance Music.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe."

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Light Orchestra.

8.15 Studio—Our Weekly Calendar. The first in a series of interesting announcements.

8.20 Alfredo and His Orchestra and William Brownlow (Baritone).

8.32 Elgar—Cockaigne Concert Overture, Op. 40.

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8.45 Studio—Two-Plane Recital by Harry Ore and J. R. M. Smith.

1. Duettino in the style of Mozart (Busoni); 2. (a) Andante from Sonata in G (Mozart), (b) Gavotte in G (Mozart); 3. The Sewergirl (Mousorgski); 4. Musette in A Flat (Sibeli); 5. Russian Easter Church-bells from Fantasy, Op. 5 (Rachmaninoff).

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 Concert Waltzes.

10.00 London Relay—War Commentary.

10.15 Puccini's "Madam Butterfly" Act 2.

11.00 Close Down.

Neusel Hits The Herr General (But Not)

PRIVATE NEUSEL, of the Reichwehr—you remember him as Walter Neusel, heavy-weight champion of Germany—has struck it cushy.

They have called him out of the Siegfried Line to box a general's ears.

This particular bit of "strength through joy" is with one of the chief Nasties, Herr General von Reichenau.

The Herr General is a good deal more athletically inclined than some others of the Regime—Goering, for instance.

He caused a sensation during the Polish campaign by continuing his habitual early morning runs while in the field.

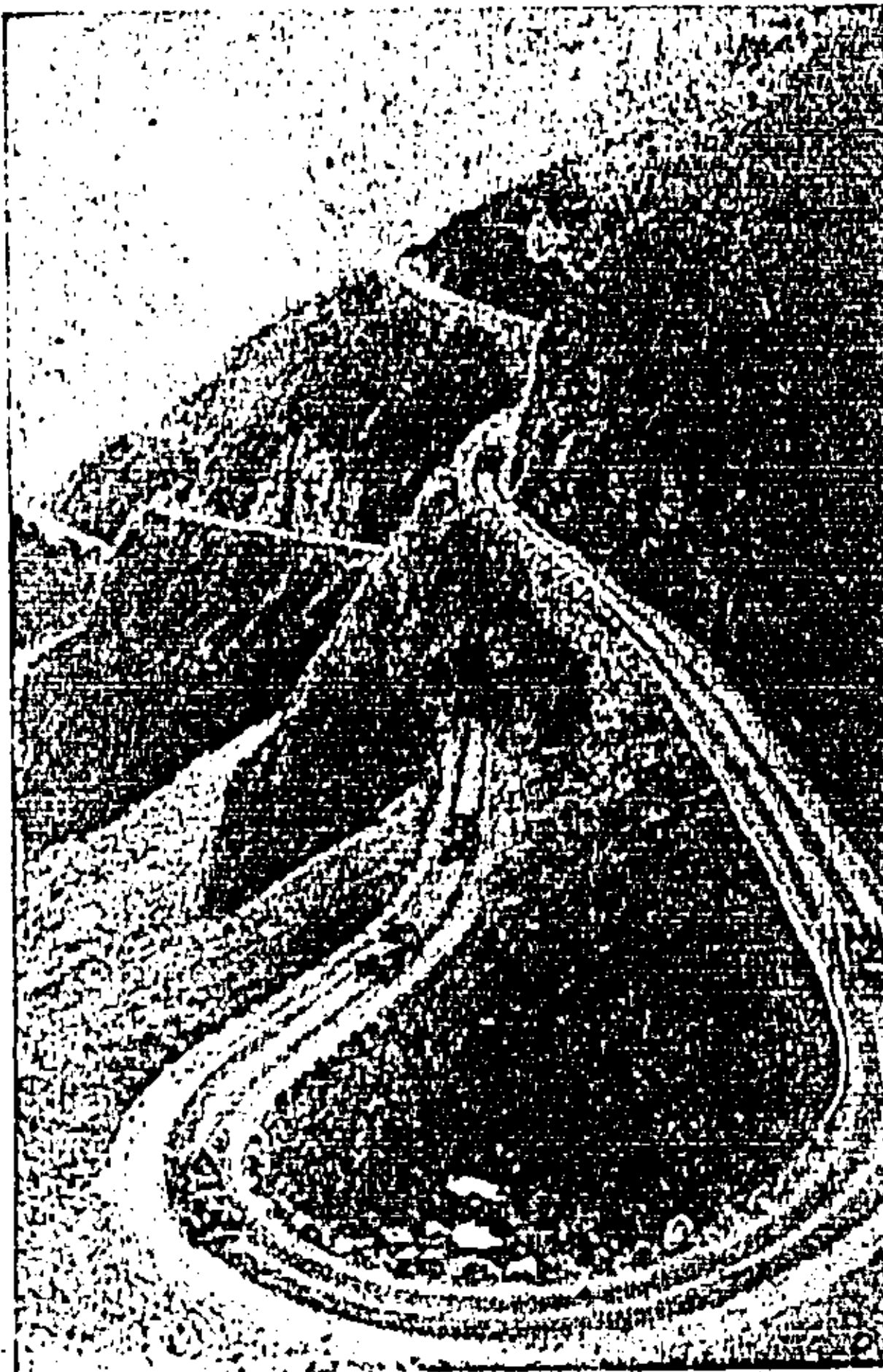
So every morning in Berlin (says B.U.P.) the wiry 56-year-old general may be seen with his trainer, Neusel, trotting in the Tiergarten or the Grunewald.

And most afternoons, at Berlin's School of Boxing, Neusel can enjoy the privilege of boxing his general's ears with impunity.

Well, not with impunity. For if the "blonde tiger" doesn't let the Herr General get one in sometimes it will be back to the Siegfried Line.

THIS WINDING ROADWAY in Maabedat Valley is typical of the terrain over which Nazi mechanized units are now operating. Had Norway been prepared for the invasion defence would have been comparatively easy.

NAZIS FIGHTING HERE



BABY Prunella diets, keeps fit

PRUNELLA STACK, the girl who sets the standard of perfection in health and beauty for the women of Britain, is going to have a baby next month.

And Prunella, who has been called the Perfect Woman, is determined to have the Perfect Baby.

Prunella—her married name is Lady David Douglas-Hamilton—is the leader of the Women's League of Health and Beauty.

Now she is applying the ideals of the League to preparing for the birth of her baby.

"I am keeping myself fit for the event," she said. "That is the important thing now."

"Naturally I am keeping up my exercises every day. Not strenuous athletic exercises like racing and jumping, which, can be injurious to the expectant mother, but the simple rhythmic exercises which the League of Health and Beauty has always advocated.

"Diet too, is important. I am having lots of fruit and vegetables, but hardly any meat."

Husband Delighted

Lady Douglas-Hamilton knows how to bring up the perfect baby, but she said modestly:

"I would like to have practical experience before discussing my theories. . . though I have many about the rearing of babies so that they will always be perfectly fit and healthy."

Prunella still finds time for the work that has made her famous. She thinks it essential for the expectant mother to carry on with normal interests.

"I am continuing my regular duties with the League," she said. "The League, useful in peacetime, is even more useful in time of war, and all our centres throughout the country are forging ahead."

"My husband, now a Pilot-Officer with the R.A.F., is as delighted as I am about the prospective event."

Prunella Stack's marriage in October, 1938, when she was 22, to Lord David Douglas-Hamilton was one of the biggest social occasions in Scotland for many years.

A crowd of 20,000 cheered her as she left Glasgow Cathedral—arm-in-arm with killed Lord David.

Revenge In Breach Suit: May End In Man's Bankruptcy

—Says Judge

"I CANNOT CONCEIVE any real reasons for bringing an action of this sort, except a spirit of revenge," said Mr. Justice Hilbery, in the King's Bench Division.

He awarded £75 damages to Miss Edith Elizabeth King, aged 26, of Jaffrey Road, Bromley, against Mr. George Cook, of Wellington Road, Bromley, for breach of promise.

The case for Miss King was that she was engaged for three and a half years to Mr. Cook, an employee in a co-operative store. They were to be married last August, but, after she accidentally found a letter to him from another girl, he confessed that his affections had changed. He had since married someone else.

Miss King said in evidence that Mr. Cook wrote asking for his freedom. She consulted a solicitor, and at an interview Mr. Cook said he was willing to marry her, but she would have his body and not his soul. He would never love her and he refused to take any vows in church.

Mr. Justice Hilbery: Did you want to marry him if he didn't love you?—Well, no.

Why did you consult a solicitor? Did you want to force him to marry you, or did you want to pave the way to damages?—I thought I ought to claim damages.

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Mr. Justice Hilbery, giving judgment, said there was no reason to suppose that Miss King was substantially in any worse position regarding the marriage market than she was at the outset of her engagement. "She brings the action although she tells me that once the fact was out that Mr. Cook was in love with another woman she did not want to marry him," the Judge continued. "The result will be that there must be a bill of costs forced on him, and the total sum awarded against him must be one that he cannot hope to pay and which will, I suppose, end in his bankruptcy."

"But perhaps he has other means than his earnings. The melancholy conclusion is that such an action ought not really to be brought in the

He, Too, Was A House Painter

Under training at an initial flying wing in England is an aircraftman who—before—down—in the R.A.F., had had nearly a dozen jobs. He left school at Brantford, Ontario, at the age of 18, and became in turn house painter at Detroit, tight-rope walker in a circus, coal miner and lorry driver in Texas.

From Texas he hitch-hiked and jumped trains to Ontario—2,800 miles. From Montreal he worked his passage in a cattle boat to Glasgow. He became assistant in a women's shoe shop, but that lasted only three days. Then he worked for a silk firm at Newcastle, and was there when the war broke out. In a few days he had joined the R.A.F.

Golfer Plays On 2,388 Courses

ALEX. H. FINDLEY seventy-two-year-old Philadelphian who introduced golf to America, has one ambition—to play on 2,400 courses before he dies.

His total now is 2,388, and he "still shoots well below the 90's."

Nazis "On Border Of Malnutrition"

A DAUGHTER was born recently to the wife of Lieut. Commander Allan Jackson, of the submarine Undine, who is a prisoner in Germany.

Mrs. Jackson was told by the Admiralty in January that her husband was missing. Ten days later she heard that he was among those saved when the Undine was sunk in Heligoland Bight.

She does not know where he is, but she is allowed to write to him, using a "prisoner of war" post envelope bearing an address which gives no information.

Three times a month Lieut. Commander Jackson is allowed to reply. He is thirty-four years old, has been in the Navy since he was thirteen. He has two other daughters, aged eight and five.

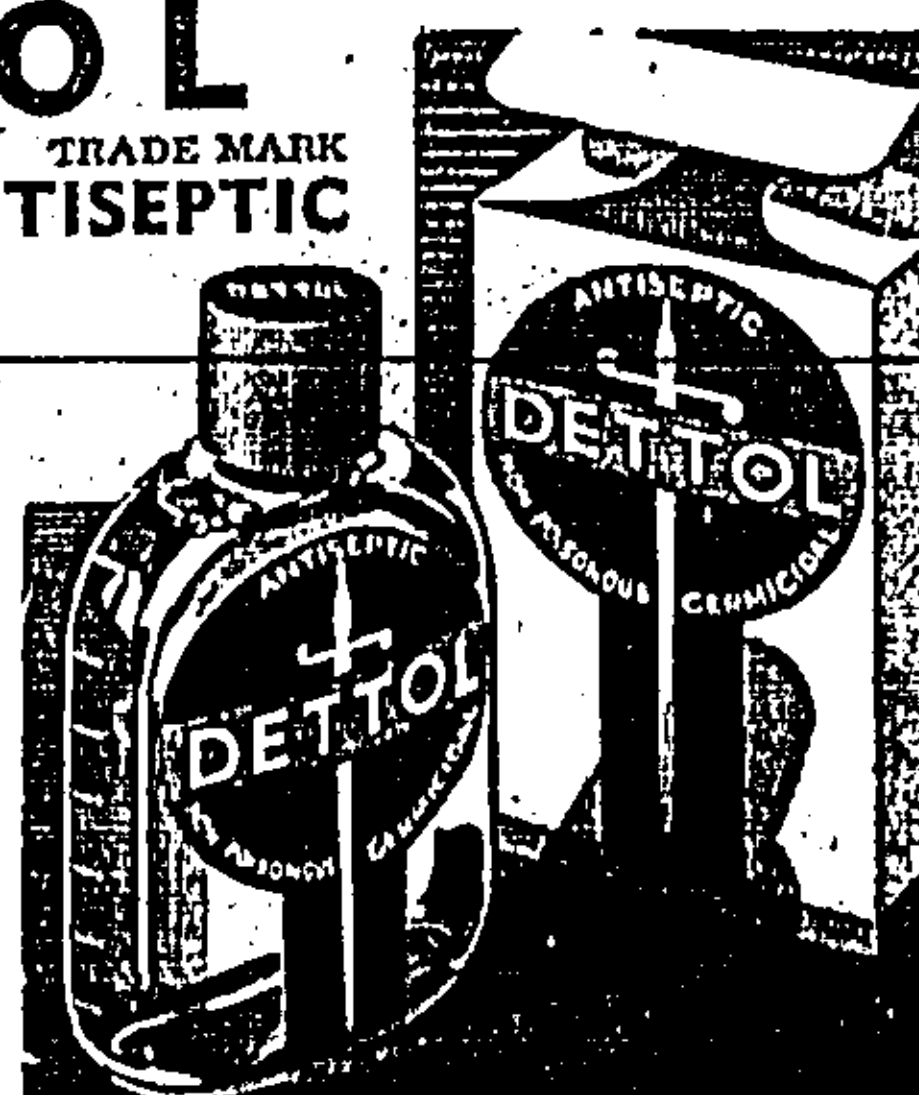
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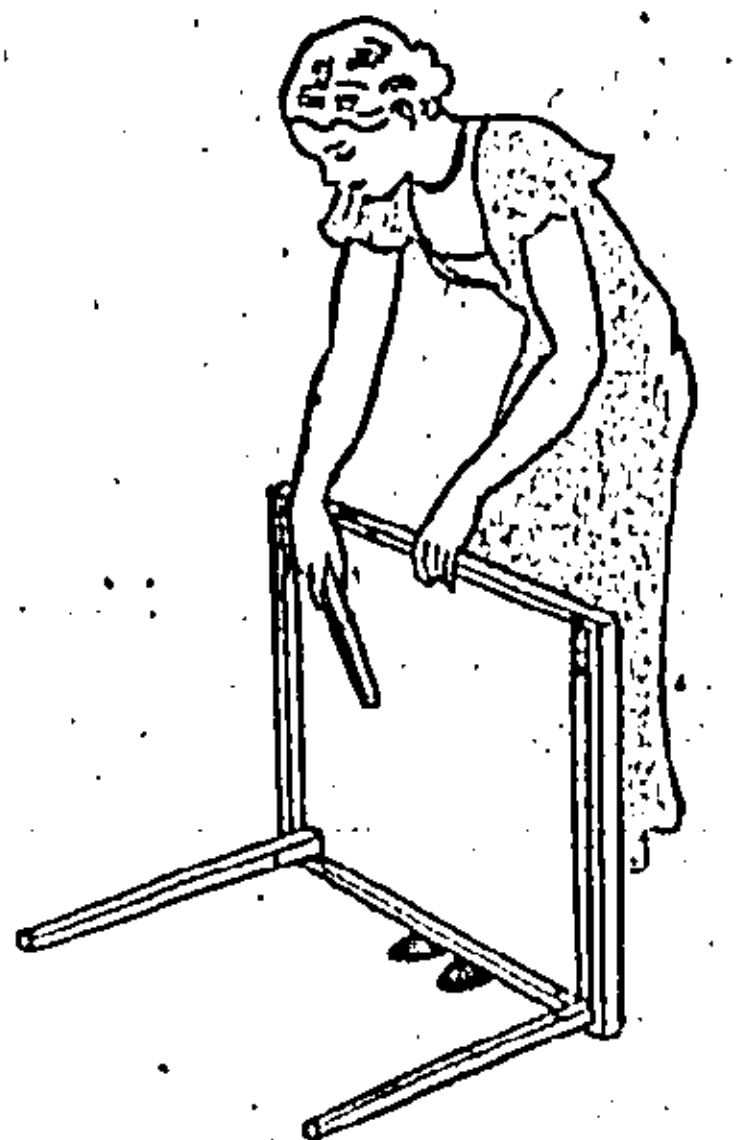
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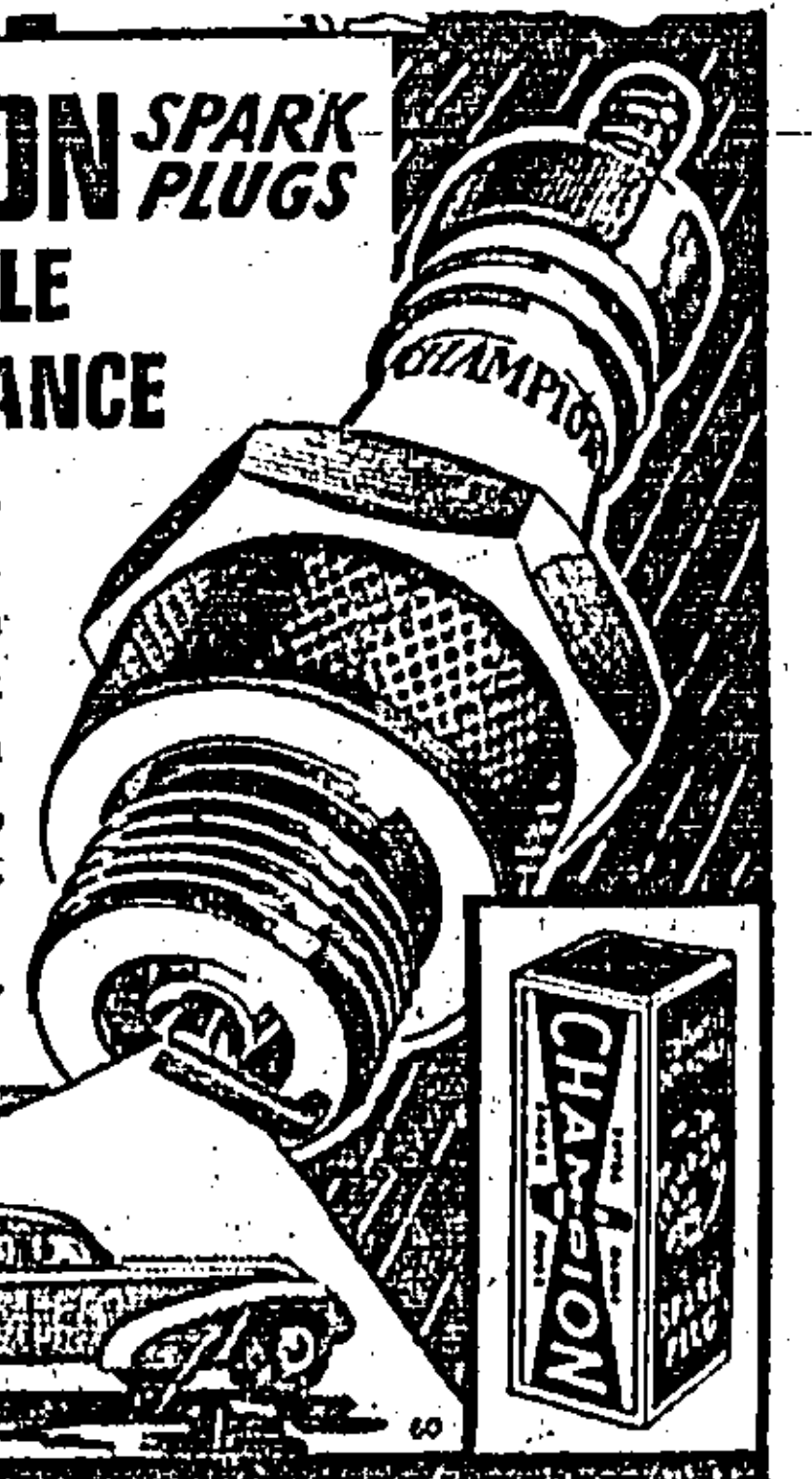
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Trade Pact Negotiations

Soviet Response To British Note

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, in reply to Mr. C. R. Attlee, said that a reply had been received from the Soviet Government regarding the trade agreement.

This reply, he said, while not making any concrete proposals, indicated the general attitude of the Soviet Government.

It was being given the most careful consideration by the departments concerned with a view to discovering any way in which a trade agreement could be reached taking into account the war situation.

Swedish-Soviet Talks

PARIS, May 2 (Reuter).—According to a despatch from Stockholm, the economic negotiations which Sweden has begun with the Soviet are regarded as important "in some quarters."

The exchanges under consideration would amount to about £6,000,000.

Sweden is anxious to receive in exchange for machinery such products as petroleum and metals which she can no longer obtain from Germany or the Allies.

Sweden is also being solicited by Germany. It is stated that envoys from Berlin have already reached Stockholm and have begun negotiations apparently aiming at soothing the apprehensions of the Swedish government and the people.

Another Gesture To India

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—On behalf of the British Government, the Viceroy of India will welcome any plans for the setting up of a committee in which representatives of public opinion could discuss various points of view.

This was announced to-day by the Under-Secretary for India, Sir Hugh O'Neill.

He said that any plans for such a committee must obviously come from the parties directly concerned.

LATE NEWS

MID-HARBOUR RESCUE

TWO POLICE officers, one a recruit who only recently joined the Hongkong Police Department, were instrumental in saving the life of a 60-year-old woman who, allegedly, jumped from the ferry Meridian Star as it was crossing the harbour last night.

The woman, Lau Chai-kwan, is now in Kowloon Hospital.

When the alarm was sounded, No. 8 police launch was in the vicinity. Lance Sergt. North, who was aboard the police launch, immediately dived overboard and was joined by Police Constable Jack.

The two men seized the woman and held her until the police launch came along side and dragged all three aboard.

With the B.E.F., Somewhere in France.
THERE ARE certain differences, I perceive, between this army of ours now in France and that one which I knew better twenty years ago.

It is more democratic and less traditional. There is not so much spit and polish.

The old fire-eaters who were very rude to junior officers and very fierce in their language and demeanour have entirely disappeared.

The new type of officer, from General downwards, is extraordinarily polite, in a simple, human and friendly way.

He's A Walter

Discipline seems to me rather more easy-going, though there is no slackness. Men are not afraid of their officers now. There is easy talk between them after the first salute.

At first it all seems casual and informal, but one sees that the job gets done all the same and with more understanding.

I should say we are approximating more closely to the French form of discipline, which allows of a comradeship between officers and men, who respect each other's intelligence.

I saw an instance of that this morning at one of our outposts where a French company was working with one of ours.

I happened to be with a French officer who is also a famous literary

Young Ministers To Be Retained

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister, asked whether it was his intention to retain in the Government those Ministers under 40 years of age who are fit and eligible for military service, replied in the affirmative.

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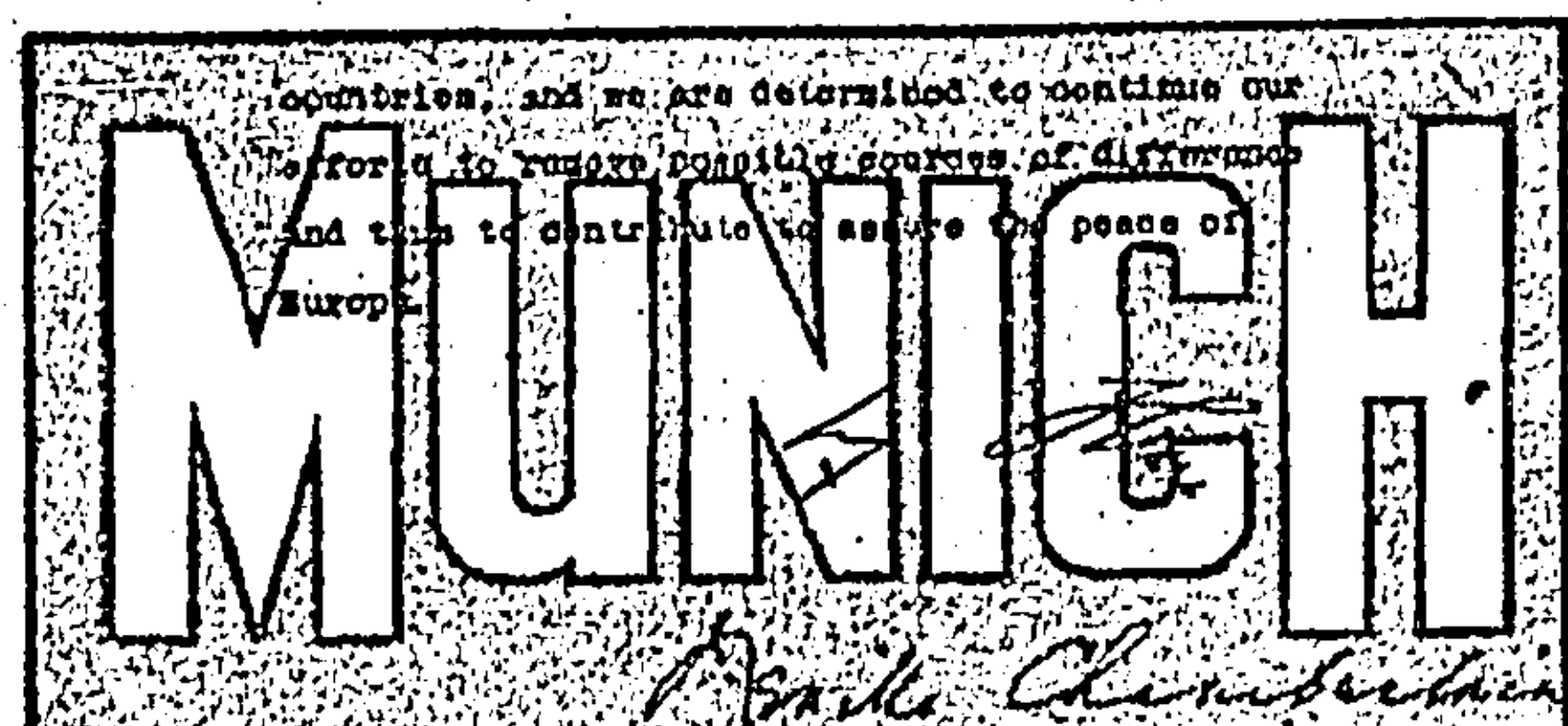
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War Office Confirms Withdrawal Of Allied Forces:

German Forces Enter Andalsnes In Afternoon

ALLIES EVACUATE SOUTHERN NORWAY



SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, MAY 2 (UP).—THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALLIED FORCES FROM SOUTH NORWAY AND THE TRONDHEIM SECTOR IS NOW CONFIRMED BY THE WAR OFFICE, WHICH SAYS THAT THE RETREAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN THE FACE OF "EVER INCREASING ENEMY STRENGTH."

The statement continues: "The Allied troops have successfully embarked at Andalsnes and other ports in the neighbourhood."

"This was done despite the enemy's incessant efforts to destroy these ports and their communications by air action."

Referring to the conflict in north Norway, the communique says: "In the Narvik area operations are continuing and Allied detachments have been in contact with the enemy. There is nothing further to report from Namsos."

Meanwhile a German High Command communique from Berlin says: "In the unresisted pursuit of the retreating English forces, German troops reached Andalsnes and raised the Reich flag there at 3 p.m. to-day."

The statement added that the Germans successfully bombed two British aircraft-carriers off the Norwegian coast on Wednesday, and at the same time bombed a British destroyer and brought down two planes which were trying to defend the ships.

In the same raid, said the communique, only one German bomber was lost.

Text Of Communique

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—A War Office communique states: "Allied forces which have been carrying out delaying operations south of Trondheim during the past few days have now, after repulsing many enemy attacks, been withdrawn in the face of increasing enemy strength."

"They were successfully embarked at Andalsnes and other ports in the neighbourhood."

"This was done in spite of the enemy's incessant efforts to destroy these ports and communications by air action."

"In the Narvik area, operations are continuing and detachments have been in contact with the enemy."

"There is nothing further to report from Namsos."

Nazis In Andalsnes

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—A German High Command communique issued from Berlin to-day states that the Germans entered Andalsnes at 1 p.m. to-day.

German Reports

BERLIN, May 2 (UP).—D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) to-day reports from the front:—

"Norway, from Steinkjer through Trondheim, Bergen, Stavanger, Kristiansand and Oslo to the Swedish frontier is now in German hands."

PLEASE Turn To Page 7.



A VIEW OF Andalsnes, the Allied base in southern Norway, which was evacuated yesterday. The Germans are now in occupation of the seaport.

HARDY MEN OF THE DESTROYER HARDY



A hundred and thirty Officers and men of H.M.S. Hardy, the destroyer that ran aground in the first attack on Narvik, and men of H.M.S. Eclipse marching through London after their exciting adventures in Norway. About fifty of the Hardy's men landed when their ship grounded and captured 120 German sailors.—Copyright.

DRAMATIC RESCUE OF U-BOAT CREW



MEMBERS OF A German submarine crew alongside one of H.M. warships in their rubber boat, launched when their U-Boat was sunk. In saving these men, the Royal Navy provide an object lesson to the Nazis which they could well take to heart.—Copyright.

UNHAPPY DANES

Hard Life Under Nazi Domination

AMSTERDAM, May 2 (Reuter).—Life in Denmark to-day is described by the Copenhagen correspondent of the Liberal newspaper, "Algemeen Handelsblad."

Only a part of the picture is presented, for sections of the message were cut out by the German censor.

A variety of rules, orders and prohibitions were issued at once. He says that efforts were promptly made to change the whole economic life of the country.

Strict Rationing

On the first day prices were controlled. This was followed immediately by rationing of almost all important foodstuffs.

Petrol was not only strictly rationed, but all stocks were confiscated. This alone threw 85,000 Danes in the motor business out of work.

All through the country, the Danish people are having to adjust themselves completely to a new way of living, the correspondent continues.

Drinking Prohibited

Considerable precautions have been taken to make hostile demonstrations impossible. All meetings are forbidden. The ban even extends to university graduation ceremonies. Wine and spirits are forbidden. Danes may only drink light beer. Their famous dark beer is prohibited. This is causing strong resentment.

Developments since the Nazi occupation have taken the Danish people by surprise. They thought they were on friendly terms with all their neighbours. This makes their present helpless position all the more bitter.

Paper Money For Danes

COPENHAGEN, May 2 (UP).—The Nazis in occupation of Denmark have ordered the withdrawal of the Danish half-crown and two crown coins. They will be replaced by paper money.

LATEST

TRONDHEIM STILL A BATTLE GROUND: FIERCE FIGHTING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, May 2 (UP).—Although the British forces have evacuated the area south of Trondheim, bitter fighting is still being waged around Trondheim itself.

The Norwegian High Command to-day claims that the tide of battle has turned with a sensational and unexpected defeat of the German forces near Roeros yesterday.

The daring German thrust towards Trondheim now, in turn, appears to be in serious danger.

Norwegian forces on the right flank of the German troops operating along the Oesterdal and Gudbrandsdal valleys are attempting to connect their attacks with those launched by British and French forces operating from Dombaa.

Norwegian Victory

The town of Os, where the Norwegians claim to have scored a vic-

tory over the Germans, is strategically important because a secondary road leads northwards over Forellingna Mountain through the towns of Budal and Rognes.

Rognes is on the railway linking Roeros to Stoeren, and is about 13 miles south-east of Stoeren.

Forellingna Mountain is 6,000 feet above sea level. Although not officially confirmed by the Norwegians, it is reported here

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DEBATE ON WAR

Likely To Take Two Days Next Week

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—Reuter's Parliamentary correspondent learns that the debate in the House of Commons next week on the war will likely extend over Tuesday and Wednesday.

Gossip in the lobbies indicate that the House as a whole has agreed to suspend judgment until Tuesday and no longer.

The cheers which greeted Mr. Chamberlain's declaration that Norway was not to be a side show were the loudest heard all afternoon.

In short, it is clear that the House will have to be thoroughly convinced on Tuesday that whatever steps have been taken by then are justified.

Test For Cabinet

Those closest to the Ministers believe that their statements will carry conviction, though they do not disguise the recognition of the fact that Tuesday may prove a testing time for the Cabinet.

The attitude of the Labour Opposition up to now was reflected in Mr. Attlee's statement that the Labour members would have liked a full discussion on the issues raised. However the safety of our men must be of paramount consideration. Labour members do not feel inclined to exploit any situation whether military, naval or political, "if the last named arises from adverse news."

Free Hand For Liberals

The Liberals prefer to retain a free hand.

Should next week's discussions invade the field of political consequences within the Government, one thing can be taken as certain from the attitude of the House to-day and that is namely, that the purpose of any pressure exerted on the Premier will be for the sole purpose of ensuring the best possible prosecution of the war.

There may be criticism. There is no wavering in the nation's purpose.

Acrimonious Debate Likely

LONDON, May 2 (UP).—Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons is generally taken to mean that the Allies have withdrawn from the entire region south of Trondheim.

His announcement is expected to lead to an acrimonious debate in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Members privately express the view that the balance sheet unfolded by the Premier has, for the moment, averted any serious defections from the Government.

Nevertheless, it is felt that Mr. Chamberlain is not yet completely out of the woods.

Several prominent Members of

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BALKANS CALL UP TROOPS

Italian Forces On Yugo-Slav Frontier

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 2 (UP).—"An Allied battle fleet is already in the east basin of the Mediterranean en route to Alexandria, declared Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day."

He added that the "injuries to Germany have been so substantial as to permit an important redistribution of the main Allied fleet."

Hitler's next move may be to attack southeastern Europe, Mr. Chamberlain declared.

The Premier also predicted that Hitler may attempt a lightning swoop on Britain.

Greek Mobilisation

ATHENS, May 2 (UP).—Ten classes of the reserve of Officers and certain specialists have been called to the colours for a month's training between May and August.

Yugo-Slav Precautions

NEW YORK, May 1 (Dome).—The Yugo-Slavian Government has mobilized the Reservists in view of increased activities of the Italian troops along the border, according to a Press report from Belgrade.

Yugo-Slavian troops called to the Colours now total 500,000.

U.S. Warning

ROME, May 2 (UP).—A lengthy discussion regarding U.S. shipping in the Mediterranean took place when Mussolini on Wednesday received the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips.

It is understood that the Ambassador informed Il Duce that if Italy is involved in war United States shipping in the Mediterranean will cease in conformity with the Neutrality Law.

United States circles here are of the opinion that such action would possibly prove to be of considerable harm to Italian trade.

Washington Talks

WASHINGTON, May 2 (Reuter).—The Italian Ambassador, Prince Colonna, conferred for 15 minutes with Mr. Sumner Welles, the Assistant Secretary of State, this afternoon and afterwards went to see President Roosevelt.

These conversations created considerable interest at the State Department.

Mr. Welles later told the State Department had received a full report from the Ambassador in Rome on his interview with Signor Mus-

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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 27th April May 5.
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Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" San Francisco date, 30th April May 7.

OUTWARD MAILS

Friday, May 3.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 20th May.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
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Parcels only for Tientsin 4.30 p.m.
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Saturday, May 4.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London—due London, 14th June.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels May 4, 10.00 a.m.
Reg. May 4, 11.45 a.m.
Ord. May 4, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Amoy 1 p.m.
Tientsin 1.30 p.m.
Manila 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 12th May.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. May 4, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 4, 5.30 p.m.
Bangkok 5.30 p.m.
Haliphong 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, May 5.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow 9 a.m.
Shanghai 9.00 a.m.
Monday, May 6.
Haliphong Noon.
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The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive. By order of the Board.

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General Managers,
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

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The Fifty-ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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General Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui-po, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
3	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2793.	Between Castle Peak Road and Yen Chou Street.	as per sale plan.	About 6,200	\$ 116	\$ 12,630

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 4275.	Between Fa Yuen Street and Sai Yee Street.	as per sale plan.	About 22,500	\$ 414	\$ 56,250

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
2	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2793.	Between Castle Peak Road and Hing Wah Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	As per sale plan.	About 5,400	\$ 74	\$ 4,050

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The Real Sheikhs

THERE are sheikhs and sheikhs.

One sort of sheikhs—the real Bedouin of Southern Palestine—has now become very annoyed with the other sort—those made in Hollywood.

And no wonder. Some of them have just seen a Hollywood sheikh film in a Jalta cinema.

Sheikh Abu Sitta, leader of the tribal heads of the

district, was so shocked at the Hollywood portrayal of Arab life that he called a meeting.

All the sheikhs, including those who have never seen a film, expressed indignation.

Finally, Sheikh Abu Sitta himself agreed to write a story of Bedouin life for film production to show Hollywood how it should be done.

RADIO STATIONS operated by enemy agents are still working in England—by permission of the British Secret Service.

Britain's secret radio squad has tracked down dozens of short-wave broadcasting stations worked by spies, but not all of them have been silenced.

It pays to let them go on sending out their messages. In this way British wireless engineers and technicians, enrolled some time before the war began, have helped to save hundreds of lives and dozens of British ships.

Their efforts have revealed many German secrets. Spies and disaffected persons have been allowed to continue their activities until they have implicated their friends.

In Secret Code

Members of the radio squad, work-

ing in all parts of the country, listen throughout the 24 hours.

They tune in, not the German propaganda broadcasts, such as those of Lord Haw-Haw—that is the work of the B.B.C.'s monitor service—but to unregistered short-wave stations, which transmit Morse in secret code. These coded messages are carefully recorded, and sent for decoding to a special department of the British Secret Service.

One station not in the secret category, but which is being allowed to continue working because of its effectiveness, is that calling itself the New British Broadcasting Station.

This first came on the air on a 50.63 metres wavelength, opening its programme with a record of a Scottish medley played by a famous British radio pianist.

Attacked Premier

It is strongly anti-Jewish and anti-British in the matter it broadcasts, and recently the announcer attacked Lord Halifax and Mr. Chamberlain. Capt. A. H. M. Ramsey, Conservative M.P. for Peebles and Southern, will ask the Minister of Information in Parliament if he proposes to reply to the propaganda put out by this station.

Other propaganda attempts are being made inside England by would-be Lord Haw-Haws with portable transmitters.

They give "details" of local defence measures, but the "information" they give is only old news reshaped in an attempt to frighten unthinking people.

Letter to Wife: Secret Weapon

A LETTER written by a man to a married woman was referred to as her husband's "secret weapon," by Mr. Justice Hallett in divorce proceedings at Manchester Assizes.

He granted a decree nisi to Mrs. Betty Combes, of Ayres Road, Old Trafford, Manchester, who petitioned for divorce on the grounds of alleged misconduct by her husband, Sydney Combes, a salesman in October, 1938, with a girl now aged 17.

Respondent and the girl named denied the allegation.

Granting the decree and giving Mrs. Combes custody of the child of the marriage, Mr. Justice Hallett said:

"It was quite clear that when Mrs. Combes presented her petition there was another man who was violently in love with her, and whom she admittedly desired to marry if she obtained a decree."

The impression on his mind, continued the judge, was that respondent did not intend to defend the case at all until he got hold of this letter.

"He suddenly discovered the secret weapon to put an end to these proceedings. As a matter of law he was wrong."

Speaking of the evidence given by Mr. Combes and the girl named, the judge said to his mind it did not ring true.

THE BOOK

Our very first need in present times is a radical renewal in the life of every individual—a renewal that can come only if we return to the New Testament, the very source of Christianity, said Queen Wilhelmina of Holland in a speech recently.

£3-a-week life for celibate clergy

CHURCH OF ENGLAND clergymen have been invited to join a new association, the Company of Mission Priests, whose members will forego marriage, lead a life of poverty, and become the missionaries of England.

The scheme is receiving enthusiastic support from rectors, vicars and curates.

Many have written asking for information to Father P. S. Wigram, a priest of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, at St. Edward's House, Great College-street, S.W.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has already approved the new association, saying he hopes it will appeal to younger priests, in view of the critical position of the Church and of national life.

The idea has been put forward by the superiors of three Anglican orders, the Society of the Resurrection and the Community of the Sacred Mission. They maintain that the average salary of a vicar and curate should be at least three priests living communally, and that if an artisan

LUPESCU MAY BE GOING TO ENGLAND

MADAME LUPESCU, King Carol's red-haired friend, is expected to proceed to England on a short visit.

She left Bucharest two days before King Carol lifted the ban on the Fascist Iron Guard.

Iron Guard leaders have campaigned against Madame Lupescu for many years.

Bombing Attempts

Bomb attempts have been made frequently against her villa in Bucharest, which is near the Royal Palace.

Once before, in 1938, when a pro-Iron Guard Government ruled Rumania for a short time, Madame Lupescu left the country.

With all Iron Guard members released from prisons and concentration camps she fears again for her safety.

Assumed Name

Madame Lupescu is travelling by car and under an assumed name.

Later she intends to go to the United States.

A noted Rumanian at present in London is Edgar Ausnit, industrialist, whose brother Max, one of the richest men of South-East Europe, has just been sentenced to six years' imprisonment by a Bucharest court.

Ausnit's sentence is attributed to Nazi pressure. He has many industrial interests in Britain and is a strong advocate of close Anglo-Rumanian relations.



MADAME LUPESCU

Officer Told: Hands Out Of Pockets

Noticing that a Royal Engineers' officer in the witness-box at Rochester county court had his hands in his pockets, Judge Clements told him:

"You are an officer in His Majesty's Army. This is one of His Majesty's courts and you will not stand here with your hands in your pockets, please."

MAGAZINE PAGE

EYES OF WAR

NOT many months ago a foreign military commander made this startling statement: "The army with the best photographic corps will win the next war!"

Of course, aerial mapping and reconnaissance are important, but can they be that important?

At the end of the World War cameras served as auxiliary eyes for the Army and an excellent tool for the memory of the observer. In fact, conditions were often such that the camera could not be used, although visual observation could be made.

To-day, the camera is the super eye, instantly recording details which the observer could not assimilate in a half hour and revealing minute details when the eye encounters only shifting haze.

Try to imagine actual military conditions and you can understand the officer's opinion. A new position has been taken, men are digging into temporary defences, which are wide open to barrage and aerial attack. The whole corps is vulnerable. The only defence lies in deception.

A mile behind the line a false trench is dug, only a few inches deep. It is decorated with helmets, bayonets, and general trench debris.

When the enemy flies over their concealed trenches, the true position will not be seen because the false trenches are assumed to be the true ones.

Years such a defence would probably have been successful in 1918, but to-day it wouldn't fool the aerial camera a moment.

Modern military strategy depends upon information, accurate information, obtained without loss of time.

The enemy move artillery into a new, well-camouflaged position over-night; submarines lie in secret harbours, with motors silent; rapid, mobile combat units move unexpectedly to new position in the haze of battle; an effective battery is operating from behind a hill, whose height must be determined. Heretofore information about such developments had to depend upon the more or less accurate observation of man. To-day the modern military camera answers the question accurately and instantaneously.

THE pictures are taken in the air, and by the time the aeroplane is grounded the negatives are developed all ready for rapid examination and for quick printing.

Within less than ten minutes after grounding, the staff officers may examine clear photographs of the scene of action! And these photographs will reveal many things not visible to the eyes of the photographer who made the shots.

The penetration of opaque strata is an accomplished fact.

U-boats can be photographed when the surface reflection hides them from visual observation, and when ordinary photographs would show the water as a metallic, opaque surface; ground haze can be cut through easily; even light fog and hazy smoke can be wiped away by the magic of modern photography.

During the war of 1914 pan-chromatic plates were still in the experimental stage, and very poor at that. To-day we have a dozen or more different kinds of pan-chromatic films of excellent quality.

Pan film, as it is called, is highly important. Briefly, we must remember that ordinary daylight is made up of all colours. The rainbow is formed when daylight is split up into its component parts.

These colours run, in order of wavelength, blue, green, yellow, orange and red. Violet is the shorter component of blue. When light travels some distance the violet and blue rays get lost, are reflected and bounced about until they no longer mean anything to the eye.

However, in their confused state they give the appearance of a uniform blue colour. The most common example on is the sky. There is



The answer to the question everyone is asking: WHY DON'T THEY DROP BOMBS?

"sky" between the aeroplane and the ground!

THE red rays are not so easily disturbed, and if we could brush away the interfering curtain of tangled blue rays, we could see right through the haze; in fact it would disappear.

Ordinary films respond only to

the blue part of daylight; pan-chromatic films react to every colour of daylight.

Therefore, if a sheet of red glass is placed over the camera lens, this glass, which we call a filter, pushes back the blue and green rays letting only the red through.

By this means it is possible to make sharp and clear photographs of objects which are completely hidden to the eyes by a heavy curtain of haze. In very bad cases we go even further and make use of the invisible rays below the visible red.

Infra-red reveals another important trick of camouflage. The enemy moves artillery into position overnight. By morning the guns are camouflaged by trees and boughs. Dumps and trench openings are concealed beneath rough, green-painted canvas.

From the air the new position is absolutely invisible, yet within an hour after daylight they are shelled so heavily that the position has to be abandoned.

How was the position discovered? Infra-red films have a peculiar characteristic. Green paint will photograph as dark grey or black, while living foliage photographs snow-white in this curious, in-

visible "light." The guns and dumps are revealed as if they were coal black on a field of snow!

HOWEVER, night photography is not ruled out.

So great has been the development in film sensitivity and lens speeds since 1918—and many such developments are not yet commercialised—that effective exposures can be made now with about 1-5,000 the amount of light necessary twenty-five years ago.

Most people are familiar with the routine of mosaic mapping.

A plane flies over a strip of territory, maintaining as nearly constant altitude as is practical. At the end of the trip the plane is turned and flies back a short distance to one side of the original path.

Back and forth the flight is made until the whole area has been photographed in a number of narrow strips. The series of photographs thus made are assembled into a great mosaic by cutting the central portion from each and matching it to the next one.

The result is that the enemy's secrets are secrets no longer.

HERBERT C. MCKAY

Balkans, Prize of Many Wars, Watch Rapid Changes



Mountainous Nations Need Large Armies to Defend Passes, Vulnerable on All Sides. Sixes of the armies of Balkan nations here include trained reserves. Military fortifications are weaker than those of Western Europe. The rivers, Morava, Vadar, and Danube, corridors of trade, have often been avenues for bringing invaders.

Flashback to 1914-18 Trench Raid

ONE of the most difficult things in the world is for the infantryman of the 1914-18 war to try to understand this war, and this war's patrols, outposts, and raids. And its distances between the two lines (ours and theirs).

It is far easier for the man who has just read about both wars, but taken part in neither. To us 1914-18-era war is something fought between two armies each entrenched in a glorified ditch within at most 200 yards and at some points seventy-five yards of each other.

Between the two ditches was no-man's-land: shell-holes, mud, barbed wire, miles and miles of tangled masses of it (ours and theirs). We knew two kinds of trench

raids—the silent and the not-so-silent. Here are how the two went: No. 1—The not-so-silent

Message for company commander "A" company: "One officer, a sergeant, and six men will carry out a raid on the German front line 13-10 hours for the purpose of bringing back two or three prisoners."

The whole company stands by on the fire step of the front line trench as the raiding party quietly

climbers over the parapet. A whispered muttering—"Good luck, Bill," and "Mind the wire," as the party disappears into the blackness of no-man's-land.

Apart from the occasional ping of a bullet, all is reasonably quiet. A hundred yards away (in this case) is the German front line. We keep as close together as possible. Carefully we drag our way through barbed wire at a point where it has been previously cut, knowing that the slightest sound will betray us to the Germans.

Suddenly a loud detonation and a hiss comes from the enemy trenches. A second later the shattered landscape is lit up by a magnesium flare or Very light,

which hangs suspended before it sizzles out at our feet. We remain as though petrified until we are protected again by the darkness.

Still on our hands and knees, we take a firmer grip of our rifles. Twelve yards to go. No spoken orders can be given. Silently we wait for our officer's hand signal. We each draw a Mills bomb, pull the safety pin, lob it in. Jump up, and clamber down into the German trench. Two of us guard, with fixed bayonets and hand ready on a Mills bomb, the boys at either end of the trench.

In a second the officer, the sergeant, and two men rush to the entrance of a dug-out. The officer gives a sharp order to the Germans

who have taken shelter in the dug-out. They quickly surrender; they know that refusal would mean that a hand grenade would be whisked into the dug-out and . . .

The prisoners are trooped out in single file—maybe with the aid of a gentle prod from a bayonet—and back across no-man's-land to our lines.

Rifle fire, machine-gun fire, artillery fire—answering the SOS from the German front line—make the trip back—well, hazardous.

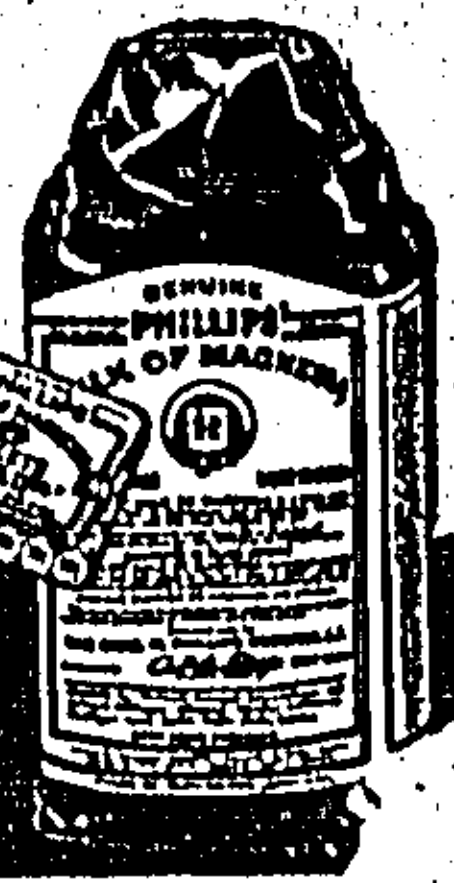
No. 2—The silent raid

Three or four of you go out, find a German standing in a trench, grab him by the shoulder, clap a hand over his mouth, drag him out of the trench, and whisk him off without a word. Back "home" to the same sort of artillery orchestra as on the other kind of raid.

And next morning you read in "Orders": "Another quiet night on the Western Front."

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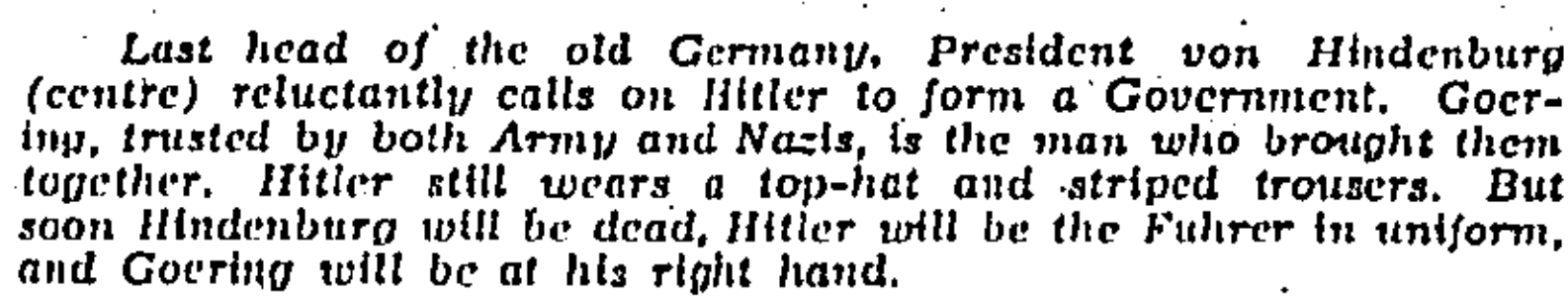
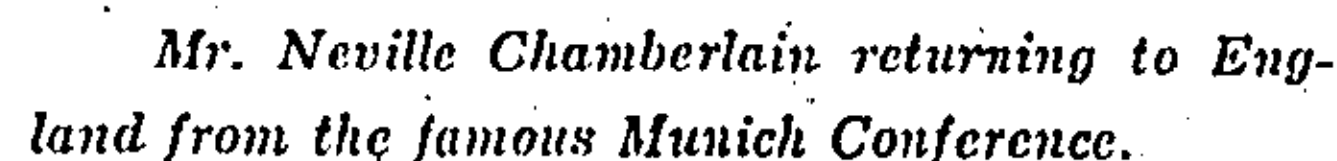
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17—Succeded fact
19—Self-esteem
21—Fuel used in Diesel
engines
22—South latitude
(abbr.)
23—Source of lights
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- 13-Straight-edge
- 14-Commune horses
- 20-Heron
- 24-Male descendant
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- 27-Docline
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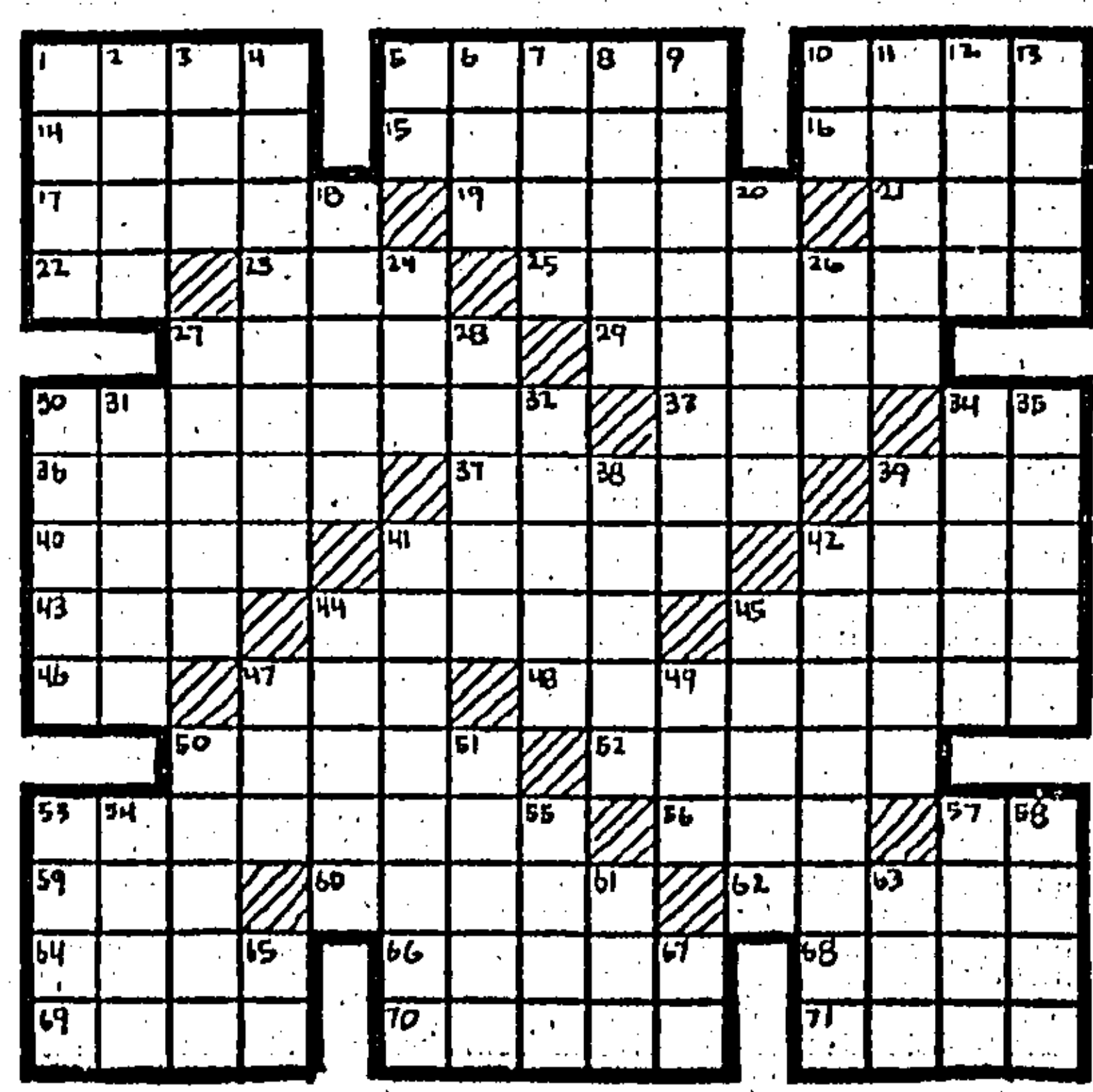
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- 43--Not subject to deduction
- 44--Build
- 45--See Dooms
- 46--Exclamation of hesitation
- 47--Beginning of period
- 48--Communication by wire
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- 53--Make familiar by use
- 54--Obtain

57—One
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62—Prices
63—God of love
64—Vehicle used in Arctic
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2—Sea in Russia
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- 49-Delay
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- 53-The roof of
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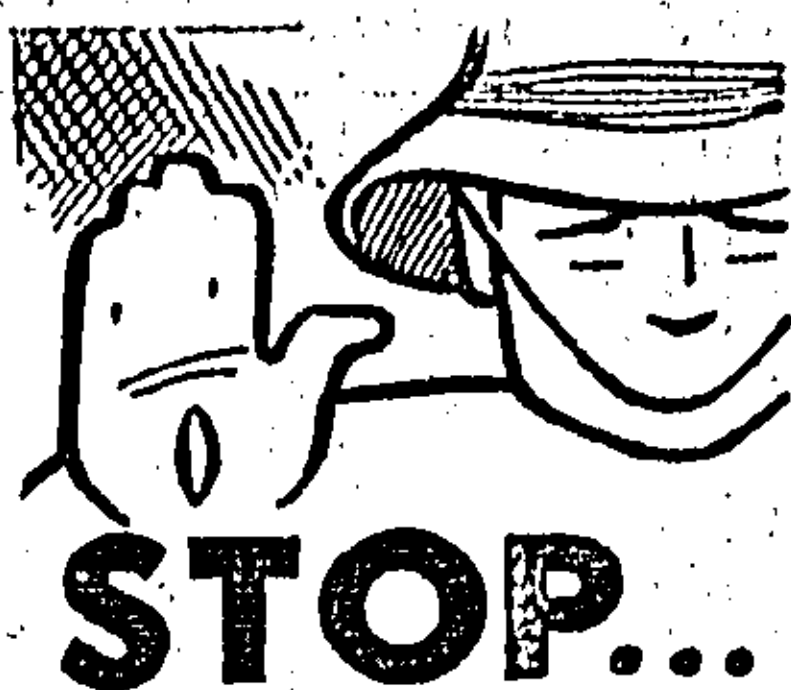
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Friendly Spain

Amid the din of totalitarian boasts and the welter of diplomatic offensives, the significance of the trade agreement between Britain and Spain should not be lost sight of.

For many months Spain in her domestic travail occupied the centre of the European picture.

Many believed that she would be one of the main battlefields of the next Great War.

She has been spared that fate, and is quietly getting on with the tasks of reconstruction, anxious only to cultivate the arts of peace.

The main purpose of the agreement with Britain is to re-establish the trade relations that obtained before the civil war.

This is assuredly as much in Spain's interest as in Britain's; for a long time we have been one of her best customers. Full details of the treaty are not yet available, but it is expected that they will reveal substantial advantages also to this country.

General Franco has not shown a disposition to complicate commercial questions with international politics.

In any case, it is probable that the course of events in the last eight months has brought him nearer to the democracies' point of view than to that of Germany.

Hitler's pact with Bolshevism was a severe shock to Madrid—as to Rome.

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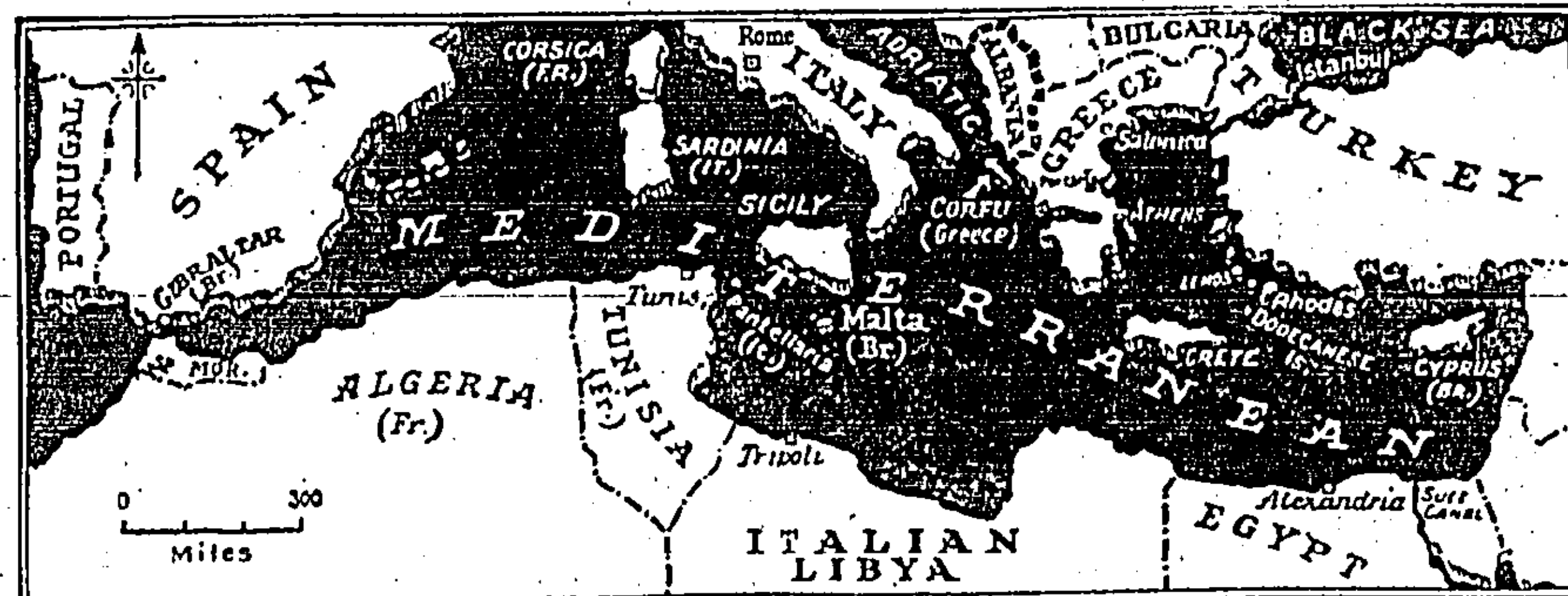
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The Mediterranean Situation

Commander
 by **Russell Grenfell**

formerly on the staff of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and an acknowledged authority on naval strategy.

The British Government has ordered shipping normally using the Mediterranean route to divert to the Cape. This article explains, very simply, just what are the present problems and anxieties of the Admiralty in the inland sea.



WITH Sicily at its toe, the long Italian peninsula divides the Mediterranean into a western and eastern basin, joined by a comparatively narrow channel between Sicily and Africa, in the middle of which stands the fortified Italian island of Pentellaria.

All the French naval bases lie in the western basin, Toulon being the main fleet base. The British Mediterranean Fleet has two fortified bases, one at Gibraltar and the other at Malta.

In a war in which Italy and Britain were involved on opposite sides, Gibraltar would be usable by the fleet unless, of course, Spain also joined in. In that event, the naval harbour is easily commanded by long range guns from the Spanish side of the bay, and air attack from adjoining Spanish territory would be easy.

This need not mean that the fortress would be lost. On the contrary, there is every reason to think that it would be a very hard nut to crack.

The only land approach is over a narrow and perfectly flat sandy neck, entirely overlooked by observers on the Rock.

As a defensive position, Gibraltar is exceedingly strong, and the galleries, tunnels, magazines and shelters cut deep into the rock give it many points of resemblance to the alcazar at Toledo, which Spaniards should be the first to appreciate.

Malta is not very differently placed to Gibraltar. True, it is an island, but it is only 40 odd miles from Sicily and is therefore exposed to air attack in war to an extent that would probably prohibit its use as a naval base.

That, at all events, was the opinion silently expressed by the Mediterranean Fleet on the occasion of the crises of 1935 and 1938, when it evacuated Malta and went to Alexandria. But evacuation does not necessarily imply capture. An Italian landing would be a difficult and hazardous operation.

The Italian bases are naturally mostly in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, but Italy has a small base at Tobruk in Libya and a "secret" island base at Leros in the Dodecanese (north-west of Rhodes), where no foreigner is allowed to land. This base is

just as close to the Turkish mainland as Malta is to the Italian, and would presumably, therefore, be just as subject to air attack, should Turkey happen to be on the wrong side, as she probably would.

In the event of a Mediterranean war, the main British defensive commitment would be the maintenance of the shipping route through that sea. If both Italy and Spain were against us, those routes would be chiefly liable to interruption at two places.

One would be at Gibraltar. Although it has often been spoken of with particular concern, this western menace is not the most serious one. Guns overlooking the Straits of Gibraltar could not effectively prevent the passage of merchant ships, still less of warships.

The narrow part of the Straits is so short, and the coasts open out so steeply each side of it, that even a slow ship could pass the dangerous area during the dark hours.

A more serious danger would be an attack from the southern Spanish coast to the eastward of the Straits. This, however, would lack the co-ordination with other forms of attack which, as we shall see, is to be expected farther east.

The other and more serious danger point is the channel between Sicily and Africa. In that area, ships would be exposed to a concentrated attack by Italian aircraft rendered all the more formidable by the fact that the predominance of the German Air Force in Europe would presumably bestow on the Italians a local superiority over the French in South Mediterranean waters.

Moreover, this air attack could be accompanied by the operations of large numbers of submarines and of

steam and motor torpedo-boats, in all of which small classes of ship the Italians possess a large superiority.

Opinions differ as to whether it would be possible to force a passage for merchant shipping in the face of such opposition, but there is no doubt that to do so would occupy the whole attention of the British Fleet and seriously hamper its offensive operations.

In view of the extremely promising results to be expected of offensive action, it is, therefore highly desirable that the Fleet should be freed of the embarrassment of the Mediterranean traffic.

Fortunately, this traffic is not as heavy as many people think. British supplies coming through the Suez Canal average only about 12 per cent. of the total, and for them there is the alternative Cape route.

Trade with countries inside the Mediterranean comes to another 10 per cent. or thereabouts. But the main thing is that there are no British supplies passing Gibraltar that cannot be obtained, if necessary, from elsewhere.

As regards France, the threat to her sea routes with North Africa from a hostile occupation of the Balearic Islands is hardly as bad as is frequently urged.

These routes can be reached well enough from Italian naval bases in Italy and Sardinia, and the fact that some of the ships might use the Balearic Islands ought not to make very much difference.

Air attack from the islands would also serve to intensify an existing danger, rather than create a new one. Nor should we forget that the Balearic Islands are within comfortable bombing range of both France and North Africa, and might therefore be made nearly as unhealthy as Malta.

When we turn to consider the offensive possibilities of the Anglo-French

combination, the prospects are very satisfactory; always provided that the British Fleet base is reasonably secure.

In the larger classes of warship, and taking the British Mediterranean Fleet at its present strength, the French and British have six battle-ships to the Italians' two, two aircraft carriers to the Italians' none, ten heavy and nine lighter cruisers to the Italians' seven and 18, and 64 destroyers to the Italians' 59, about 30 of the French destroyers being particularly large and powerful ships.

In the face of this combination, Italy is vulnerable indeed. Of her total imports, 85 per cent. are seaborne, and about 70 per cent. come through either the Suez Canal or the Straits of Gibraltar. Almost certainly the whole of this 85 per cent. could be cut off, and with them would go the Italian communications with Abyssinia and probably with Libya.

Italy has a particularly long coast line with many important towns on the sea shore. Should it unfortunately happen that air bombing of cities causes a deterioration in warlike conventions, these coast towns would fall an easy prey to warships' guns.

If Spain is more self-supporting than Italy, she too, is peculiarly exposed to maritime pressure. With a superior British fleet on her Atlantic coast, a superior French fleet on her Mediterranean and with France itself making the only other frontier, her trade would be cut off as clean as a whistle.

What could she gain? Possibly Gibraltar. But while Spanish guns were pounding at the Rock, French guns across the Straits would be covering the advance of the French North Africa army into Spanish Morocco.

Italian participation in the war seems to offer very little advantage to Italy, though it might be of advantage to Germany.

CITY HOLDUP

MR. DUBOIS
IN GRAVE
CONDITION
POLICE SEEKING
TWO GANGSTERS

THE CONDITION of Mr. J. Dubois, Manager of Messrs. Sennet Freres, was this morning described as critical. He is not expected to live.

The Police are now scouring the Colony for two men wanted in connection with the sensational gangster raid on the well-known city establishment yesterday evening.

The following descriptions of the two wanted men, who are believed to have arrived here recently from Shanghai, have been circulated to all stations.

"Aged 23, medium height and build, hair cut short, and dressed in black serge European-style clothing. White Panama hat and black European-style leather shoes. Believed to be a Cantonese."

"Aged 24, medium height and build, long thin face and sallow complexion. Hair cut American style, wearing greyish-blue European-style serge clothing and brown leather shoes. Native of Shanghai."

"This man is believed to be armed with a revolver."

One man is already in custody. He is now in hospital under police guard, suffering from a bullet wound in the right hand.

It is alleged that in his possession was found a revolver and three diamond rings valued at \$2,425.

The bullet wound is believed to have been inflicted when one of his companions commenced shooting indiscriminately in the jewellery establishment.

Contrary to reports published this morning, the man was arrested in the shop and was not chased down the street.

Mr. Dubois is suffering from a bullet wound in the abdomen, and hospital authorities this morning said his condition was very critical. The police state that he is not expected to live.

The robbery occurred at 5 p.m., when many pedestrians were passing the shop.

Shanghai Bandits
Police believe that the three gangsters arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai about a fortnight ago.

They proceeded to Macao last week and returned to Hongkong two days ago.

It is believed that the robbery was planned in a well-known Chinese hotel, where the bandits had rooms.

ALLIES
EVACUATE

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apart from unimportant centres of resistance.

German troops advancing to the east in the Bergen sector have occupied the large power station, and aluminium works at Kinsarvik.

A further D.N.B. report claims that the German troops are at present engaged "in breaking down the last enemy resistance near Andalsnes."

"Whereby, the enemy's attempt to halt the advance of the German troops has been finally shattered. The fighting around Andalsnes is at present no difficult military problem," the report adds.

Further it states that the enemy is in retreat towards Andalsnes.

"Only at isolated points are they desperately attempting to prevent the retreat from developing into a panic-like flight. The advancing German troops, however, are breaking all resistance," D.N.B. declares.

German Communiqué
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, May 2 (UP).—The German High Command, in the first communiqué for two days to give a detailed account of the fighting in central Norway, claimed to-day that the Germans were thrusting down Romsdal Valley from Dombås, driving the British forces in "headlong retreat" towards Andalsnes and the sea.

Responsible German quarters admitted that they do not know what are the present British intentions, but expressed the opinion that a rapid withdrawal towards the base at Andalsnes leaving, according to German claims, only a light screen of Norwegian forces to cover their retreat, indicates that the British are planning to re-embark at Andalsnes and evacuate that entire area of Norway.

Although the German High Command's communiqué does not mention the actual fall of Dombås, responsible German quarters said it is now, without the slightest doubt, in German hands since the communiqué describes the Germans as being only 30 miles southeast of Andalsnes—in other words about half way down the Romsdal Valley between Dombås and the sea.

Belated Correction
There is no explanation why the High Command after 24 hours issued a belated correction to yesterday's communiqué to state that fighting is still continuing in the Dombås area. In any case to-day's communiqué indicates it is not a belated retraction to the claim to have captured Dombås although it may indicate that 48 hours ago—the period which yesterday's communiqué describes—Dombås was not actually in German hands.

The belief in German quarters is that if the British are actually retreating to prepare for embarkation, it should be only a matter of two or

POPULAR H.K. MAN BECOMES BRIDEGROOM



The wedding yesterday at St. John's Cathedral of Lieut-Commander J. C. M. Grenham, H.K.N.V.F., and Miss Alice Jones attracted considerable attention, the bridegroom being a popular resident of the Colony. This group photograph was taken after the ceremony, and included in the picture are Miss Barbara Walker, Miss Joan Armstrong, Mrs. R. J. Vernal, Mr. G. C. Perdue, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Lieut-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, and Sub-Lieut. R. Minnett.—Ming Yuen.

FOOD SITUATION
WELL IN HAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 2, (UP).—The Ministry of Food announces that it has assumed complete control over flour and other milled wheat products.

A decree has been issued, reserving wheat and wheat products for human consumption except in cases where other uses are specially licensed.

The new order is expected to result in the diversion of milled wheats from animal feeding to human food-stuffs, and possibly forecloses the introduction of a standardized loaf of whole wheat bread, similar to that which appeared during the 1914-18 War.

PUPPET CHINESE
TO TAKE CONTROL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NANKING, May 3, (UP).—It is officially reported that the Japanese military authorities have decided to permit puppet Chinese to take over policing duties on the railway lines in central China.

The lines affected are the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, the Shanghai-Hankow Railway and the Soochow-Kiaoching Railway.

KING HAakon
EVACUATES

STOCKHOLM, May 2 (UP).—His Majesty King Haakon and the Norwegian Royal Family have, with the Norwegian Government, evacuated Molde, which is 23 miles from Andalsnes.

His Majesty and the Norwegian Government are now en route to an unknown destination in northern Norway, according to a Norwegian spokesman.

Three days before the Germans clean up this entire sector, leaving possibly a few scattered Norwegian detachments in the Osterdal region which, it is noticed, is not mentioned in to-day's war communiqué.

There is no information in Berlin about the Norwegian position, but it is believed they will have but slight importance since any Norwegian or Allied in Osterdal would presumably be cut off from the main body retreating towards Andalsnes.

In that case their only hope of avoiding ultimate capture would be if they succeeded in forcing their way over the Swedish frontier.

Osterdal Valley Battle
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROEROS, May 2 (UP).—Norwegian military officers to-day revealed that a pitched battle between German troops, Norwegian regulars and Swedish volunteers began at 1 p.m. to-day in the area eight miles southwest of Roeros in the Osterdal Valley.

German Version
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, May 2 (UP).—A German High Command communiqué says the British are evacuating the area around Andalsnes.

The Usual Lies
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, May 2 (UP).—Usually unreliable German sources claim that an unspecified number of Allied troops were trapped when the Germans entered Andalsnes.

This report is in addition to the large number of Nazi falsehoods that have been spread since the beginning of the Nazi campaign in Norway.

*Mr. Chamberlain announced that the evacuation of Andalsnes had been accomplished without loss.

BALKANS CALL
UP TROOPS

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solini yesterday. The talk, he said, was of a general character and consisted of an interchange of views on the international situation.

Reassuring Statement
PARIS, May 2 (Reuter).—According to a Rome dispatch, it is believed that when the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, called on Count Ciano, he was given a reassuring statement concerning Italian intentions regarding Yugoslavia.

Secret Appeal Denied
BELGRADE, May 2 (Reuter).—The reports that Prince Paul, the senior Regent of Yugoslavia, had made a secret appeal for aid to King Carol are "entirely without foundation."

A Yugoslav official, who is close to the Prime Minister, announced this to "Reuters" to-day.

Responsible circles here believe that the situation is not such as to warrant any appeal from Yugoslavia to any other State for special aid of a diplomatic nature or otherwise.

Madrid And The Mediterranean
MADRID, May 2 (Reuter).—The uncertain state of relations between the Allies and Italy, emphasised by the closing of the Mediterranean to British shipping, is taken with remarkable calm here.

The opinion is becoming more emphatic that unless Spanish sovereignty in the Balearic Islands or elsewhere is violated, Spain will remain neutral.

Sharp Hint To Il Duce
LONDON, May 2, (Reuter).—A "New York Times" editorial on Italy says: "The re-routing of British shipping should remind Mussolini more effectively than a dozen diplomatic warnings of the dangers of going to war against the Allies."

Egypt Excited
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, May 3 (UP).—Britain's precautionary measures in the Mediterranean have caused considerable excitement throughout Egypt, but there is no official disposition to take the situation tragically.

The Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, told the Press to-day that whilst the international situation remained serious and full of surprises, there was no immediate cause for alarm.

All precautionary measures would be taken, he said, to meet any eventualities.

Meanwhile, reports from Bucharest suggest that the Balkan States, which have been chronically balanced between war jitters and an almost equally jittery calm, tipped towards gloom to-night as new rumours greeted Rumanians as they returned to the capital after a five day holiday.

It is impossible to check the rumours at present, but their substance seems to indicate the approach of a Mediterranean show-down.

Four Sample Reports
Here are just a few of the reports that are flying around the Rumanian capital:

1.—England is going to blockade the Mediterranean to all shipping;

2.—Turkish troops are moving along the mainland opposite Italy's Dodecanese Islands where air and naval bases dominate the Aegean Sea;

3.—The Rumanian Government has learned that some sort of German action is pending;

4.—German troops are being despatched to strategic aerodromes in potential trouble centres.

Malta As Battle Ground
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, May 3 (Dome).—An extension of the European War to the Mediterranean would probably mean that the first battles would be fought

DEBATE ON
THE WAR

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Parliament told "United Press" to-day that a storm might blow up now on the Home front if the withdrawal from south of Trondheim were to be followed by a general retirement from the Namsos sector.

Camouflaged Truth
Some critics suggest that, by referring only to the evacuation of Andalsnes, Mr. Chamberlain is camouflaging the true extent of the Allied withdrawal from southern Norway.

On the other hand, satisfaction is clearly evident that the withdrawal, however regrettable, was accomplished without the loss of any British troops.

Although it was largely known in advance, the striking comparison Mr. Chamberlain made between Allied and German naval losses made a profound impression on the House.

FIGHTING AT
TRONDHEIM

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that the Germans have been forced to evacuate Tynset.

Roeros Hoars Fighting
Heavy machine-gun fire and grenade detonations are clearly audible in Roeros.

German planes, equipped with light cannon and machine-guns, are participating in the fighting in this sector.

It has been announced that no separate casualty lists will be issued for the B.E.F. in Norway.

BERKELEY, Calif. May 2 (UP).—Major General James McRae, 70, retired, ex-Commander of the Philippine Department, died here to-day.

In the region of Malta and the Pantelleria, military observers believe. Information reaching Paris suggests that Italy has 100 submarines and a number of torpedo boats concentrated between Sicily and Tunisia.

"Entirely Unnecessary"
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, May 2 (Dome).—Italian observers consider that the diversion of British ships from the Mediterranean is entirely unnecessary and has caused complications.

Observers in Rome state that it would be hasty to conclude that Italy will abandon her quasi-neutrality, and stress that much room has still been left for negotiations between Italy and Britain.

The fact that the Italian liner Rex has just sailed from Naples for the United States is advanced as showing that Italy has no intention of joining forces with Germany.

Desperate Balkans
Reports from Budapest state that the Balkans are taking desperate measures to prevent the European War from spreading to their territories.

Rumania, Turkey and Yugoslavia are again investigating the status of all foreign residents and Rumania is now refusing visas to all foreign travellers.

Many disguised German officers are said to be in Hungary and Yugoslavia, and the number of German "travellers" to the Balkans has increased substantially in recent weeks.

Considerable apprehension has been caused by reports that German armed patrol boats, camouflaged as river cargo vessels, are now proceeding towards the lower reaches of the Danube, and some are reported to have already reached Bucharest, in Bulgaria.

There is no official confirmation of this rumour which, if true, would be a violation of the Danube River Agreement.

REACTIONS
TO SPEECHFavourable Comment
By Neutrals

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—Brussels papers admit that the Germans have obtained important successes in Norway, but whereas some of them suggest that these are decisive, others take a more objective view.

Many papers pay tribute to the British press for its honest realism and point out that the British public supports ill-tidings better than any other.

The "Nation Belge" says that German losses at sea are undoubtedly heavier than those of the Allies.

Raids Becoming Rarer
The "Meuse" says: "It is notable that the German attacks in the North Sea are becoming rare and raids on British bases are exceptional. This proves that the Scandinavian efforts are heavy for the Reich. They seem to cost 500 tons of oil daily without counting about 40 transports sunk in the short interval, constituting a serious loss of tonnage, arms, provisions and men."

Judgment Suspended
AMSTERDAM, May 2 (Reuter).—While Mr. Chamberlain's statement was read with interest in Holland, the general verdict of the public to-night was that judgment must be suspended until events in Norway are further clarified.

There is no disposition to attach undue weight to the general claims of successes, and the actual facts of the Allied landings and air force bombings have made a considerable counter-impression.

Mr. Chamberlain's reference to Holland is not commented on officially, but the Dutch attitude is that they are now well-prepared to tackle any would-be invader.

Washington Opinion
WASHINGTON, May 2 (Reuter).—Mr. Chamberlain's announcement of the British withdrawal from Andalsnes is felt to be inevitable in military circles here because of the start the Germans obtained.

For some time past the opinion has been expressed in these quarters that the German Norwegian campaign was in the nature of a decoy. The refusal of the British to fall into this trap despite the adverse effect such a decision might have on public opinion is held to be wise.

Rumours have been current in diplomatic circles since the Scandinavian invasion that not only was it a prelude to an Italian drive in the Mediterranean area agreed upon at the Brenner meeting between Hitler and Mussolini, but also that Hitler might attempt to better Napoleon by staging a raid on England herself through Holland.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech also helped to correct the impression of a German success due to efficiency by emphasising German treachery and violation of international standards of conduct.

MID-HARBOUR
RESCUE

TWO POLICE officers, one a recruit who only recently joined the Hongkong Police Department, were instrumental in saving the life of a 60-year-old woman who allegedly jumped from the ferry Meridian Star as it was crossing the harbour last night.

The woman, Lau Chal-kwan, is now in Kwai Tsan Hospital.

When the alarm was sounded, No. 8 police launch was in the vicinity. Lance Sergt. North, who was aboard the police launch, immediately dived overboard and was joined by Police Constable Jack.

The two men seized the woman and held her until the police launch came along side and dragged all three aboard.

Mr. Grew Going On Short Leave

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, May 2 (UP).—Mr. Joseph Grew, the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, has changed his plans to proceed to the United States on short leave. He will now remain in Tokyo.

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MAY MEETING AT MACAO

HOW "DARK TIPS" ARE BORN

Trainers And Early Morning Gallops

LATELY it has been quite common to see a "so-so pony" of unknown qualities being made a hot favourite without any justification. I have often heard the question being asked the regular men of the turf, and do not think it is hard to reply. But let us go back to the first chapter of the story to trace the origin of a sudden rise to fame in the pari-mutuel department.

We all know that race ponies must be exercised, but the actual time for galloping is a question that often leads to interesting discussion.

For instance, one trainer would like to have the race-course overseer (Mr. Fitt) set his alarm half an hour before daylight, so that he could be on the course before the "early birds" are awake. The other "gentleman rough rider" wants to use the cinder track when the newspaper clockers are away having their 11 a.m. coffee in town. The majority of the prudent cavaliers work their ponies within half an hour after sunrise.

One must admit that there are no hard and fast rules as far as winning races are concerned. It cannot be proved that the early risers have had more successes than others.

I may be of the old school, but it is my humble opinion that galloping before daylight should not be encouraged in any way because it leads to a certain degree of abuse in favour of those trainers who make a habit of doing a little quiet business. After all, no one races for the interests of his trainer, and an owner is surely entitled to see the progress of the training, especially the gallop and the finish of the pony in the home stretch.

TRAINERS' REPORTS

I DO not propose to ask owners to take me into their confidence, but it would be advisable for their own good not to put any great faith in his trainer's report that his or her pony had performed a fine gallop before the rising of the lark. Our cinder track has never been fitted with floodlights and it would certainly interest any sensible racing fan to know what sort of a telephoto was used to see the intermediate distance points, thus enabling the mafioso timekeeper to keep a record of the various quarters.

All these excellent fast gallops in the dark are, at most times, highly exaggerated by the trainers for their own ends. A rumour will always find a band of punters trying to nose in for the exact time of the gallop. The "open sesame" has never failed to let the cat out of the bag and yet it was a gallop which

Altered Probables For 2,000 Guineas

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—The following further alterations have been made to the list of probable for the 2,000 Guineas:

Pat Beasley rides Credentia, Brennan rides Drawing Prize, Jones Great Truth and E. Smith Valeraine, Dame Detresse has scratched.

the trainer did not want to go beyond his master.

Then with usual promise not to radio the news, it is spread so rapidly that before the day was over it becomes the public property.

"DEAD CERTAINTIES"

It would serve no purpose to list in this column a few of the "dead certainties" which did not turn up. The "dark tips" played their game, and left only disappointed backers. Punters, who have made their business to hang around the trainers for information, should know by now that the best gambling is to follow the ranks of those owners who show everything in broad daylight.

We have, before the recess, another two extra meetings, to give those who have gone down the sink opportunity to recuperate their losses. The Whitsun Meeting will be two days of racing on May 11 and 12, and the Jockey Club will close their first half season on May 25 with a special dollar cash sweep on the Lantau Handicap.

It is interesting to relate that on the first day of the Whitsun Meeting, the Lead Mine Handicap (first and second sections) to be ridden by novices is over the Derby course of 1½ miles, and the Bondi Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies is also over the same distance.

On the second day, the Manly Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies is a distance run over 1½ miles and in addition there are a few 1¼ miles' journeys for the Australian and China ponies of various classes.

Interesting Events Promised to Punters For Sunday's Races

IN VIEW OF THE WHITSUN MEETING being two days of racing at Happy Valley, familiars such as Double Chance, Jack O'Lantern, Talkative and a few others will not be seen in action at the May Race Meeting to be held at Arcia Preta under the auspices of the Macao Jockey Club on Sunday. Taking everything on the whole the entries have been quite good and a good day's sport is assured.

The opening event will be the Kwan Chap Stakes for China ponies "Y" class, and the run is over the mile course. Meadow Eve was unlucky to be nosed out of third place at the last meeting, and it appeared to me at the time that the heavy going was not to his liking. What weather we are going to have on Sunday is not for me to predict, but judging from the forecast it looks that the track will be firm.

With this in view Meadow Eve should be able to make amends, and furthermore, the grey gelding has a pull of a few pounds. It is not a handicap event, but the assessment on the amount of stakes won is in his favour. Fairy Auk and likewise Fairy Ousel may offer a strong challenge, but I am afraid Meadow Eve is well keyed for the fight.

WANCHAI STAKES Shanghai 4 Carries Heavy Burden

IN THE SHEKKI HANDICAP at the last meeting the handicapper was called upon to frame a list of weights between the "X" and "Y" classes among the China ponies. One would hardly believe that the first two placed ponies in the said contest were the tiny-tots raced a few years ago in Shanghai, and Shanghai 4 won as he liked.

However, the latter has some nice weight to carry in the Wanchai Stakes over a mile, and I doubt very much Shanghai 4 will accept the impost of 170 lbs. assessed on the total of stake money won since January 1.

At this time last year, Eagle was in fine fettle, and should be able to reproduce a bit of the form, the brown should win with Iron Knight and Labour Day to follow in the rear.

MA KOK HANDICAP Splendid Chance For Radium Star

THE POST OF HONOUR has fallen upon Radium Star in the first section of the Ma Kok Handicap for "E" class China ponies over half mile, and I have reason to believe that the blackie will make the excursion trip.

Final Selections

KWAN CHAP STAKES

Meadow Eve
Fairy Auk
Fairy Ousel

WANCHAI STAKES

Eagle
Iron Knight
Labour Day

MA KOK HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Radium Star
Wild Bear
Popular Star

NAM WAN HANDICAP

Gold Coin
Night View
Golden Cow

MA KOK HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Mao's Adventure
National Anthem
Persian Cat

Whether he is a good sailor I am not in a position to say, but I think that Radium Star is a type of an animal that can stand anything, and the pony has a good sporting chance of presenting his card to the Portuguese judge.

There does not seem to be any flaw in the adjustment of the poundage between Heddon, Popular Star and Wild Bear, and all of them have equal chances.

NAM WAN H'CAP

Battle Between Night View and Gold Coin

WE SHOULD SEE a good field in the Nam Wan Handicap for "D" class China ponies, and no doubt all eyes will be focused on the running of Shanghai 4 against the top notchers from Happy Valley. The sprint is over six furlongs and should the going be heavy, I would suggest a \$5 investment each way on Shanghai 4.

When they clashed in the Hin Wan Cup at the last meeting, Night View (winner) was conceding 8 lbs. to the third pony (Gold Coin), and the distance of beating was not more than a length on Sunday, Night View has been set to carry an extra 8 lbs. and this means that Gold Coin has a pull of 16 lbs. But both these two steeds are subject to fits of the sulks, and they have in the past let the public down for no earthly reason. Of the two I prefer Gold Coin.

Golden Cow had never left the Island for Macao, but with only an impost of 145 lbs. he should give the top-weighters a good run for the money. I cannot say that Delco is

Kumaon Rifles Win Large Units Hockey Tourney

TWO GOALS from Partaub Singh, brilliant Kumaon and Hongkong left winger, gave the Kumaon Rifles victory over the H.K.S.R.A. in the final of the Large Units Hockey Tournament yesterday at Sookunpoo.

Partaub scored within the first ten minutes of the game from a good pass from the centre. Thereafter followed a considerable amount of mid-field play, and it was only in the closing stages of the game that Partaub added his second goal and put the issue beyond doubt.

Credit must be given to the excellent display by Hansas Datt and Naval Singh, the Kumaon's backs, who were time and again instrumental in frustrating the keen attacks of the H.K.S.R.A. forwards.

H.E. the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grisset presented the cup to the winning team at the conclusion of the match.

The teams were:
H.K.S.R.A.—Mohd. Fazal, Mohd. Yusoff, Rahman Singh, Hazara Singh, Abdul Rahman, Dost Mohd, Khuda Buk, Manna Singh, Dalip Singh, Rajah Khan and Mohd. Ali.
Kumaon Rifles—Nara Singh, Guakin Singh, Nawal Singh, Hansas Datt, Krishna Singh, Lal Singh, Capt. L. C. Koch, Sher Singh, Triton Singh, Narain Singh and Partaub Singh.

Excellent Standards At Colony Athletic Meet Yesterday

TIMES AND DISTANCES at the All-Schools Athletic Meet at Caroline Hill yesterday were of an excellent standard. Capt. P. J. Skipwith (R.A.), after being left at the start, clocked the fine figures of 17 seconds for the 110 metres High Hurdles, beating B. S. Wilson, former inter-School champion, by one-tenth of a second. Throwing the discus 118 feet 4½ inches, D. H. Taylor (Police) won the Discus Throw Open to the Colony.

Heung Kat-sang (C.A.A.F.) ran brilliantly in the 800 metres to win by 20 yards from Pte. Manson (R. Scots) in 2 mins. 10.5 secs. Heung ran into a big lead over the first 400 metres, and was never challenged thereafter.

Outstanding performance among the schools was the 0.8 seconds dash of Miss Yip Kwai-ching over the 50 metres, equalling the China national record for that distance, established by Miss Cheung Kit-king at Nanking in 1934. Miss Yip is in the Chan Kwong Middle School.

The inter-schools record for the 100 metres was bettered by Lal Cheung-yin in the Boys' "B" grade heats. He covered the distance in 11.5 seconds—the Schools' record is 11.8 secs.

The meeting continues to-day and ends to-morrow. Yesterday's finals were:

Inter-school Finals
Boys' Shot Putt, C Grade.—1, Yau Sik-ying (Pui Ying); 2, Chan Kwok-wing (Pui Ying); 3, Leung Kwok-ching (Tak Ming); 4, Yu Kwok-hoi (Pui Ying). Distance 11½ metres.
Girls' Throwing the Baseball, A Grade.—1, Wu Tui-fa (Chan Kwong); 2, Teresa Noronha (St. Paul's); 3, Leung Yuet-king (Chan Kwong); 4, Lam Wing-yu (Chan Kwong). Distance 50 metres.
Boys' High Jump, C Grade.—1, Wen Kell-hing (Wah Yan); 2, Tsang Kai-shui (Pui Ying); 3, Chan Yi-long (Wah Yan); 4, The Chin-pong (Pui Ying). Height 1.53 metres.
Girls' Javelin Throw, A Grade.—1, Ng Shuen-ching (Canton University). Distance 40.8 metres.
Girls' Long Jump, B Grade.—1, Chan Tui-ki; 2, Leung Kwan-kwan; 3, Ling Hau-ming; 4, Au Yeung Wing-yu. Distance 4.04 metres.
Girls' Shot Putt, A Grade.—1, Yip Mo-ching (Fong Lam); 2, Jacky Anderson (St. Paul's); 3, Ling Pui-hing (Chan Kwong); 4, Guelda Lee (St. Paul's). Distance 4.07 metres.

Open Event Finals
Men's Discus Throw.—1, D. H. Taylor (120.10 metres); 2, Capt. P. J. Skipwith (R.A.) (117.70 metres); 3, Pte. Phillips (114.30 metres); 4, Wong Hu-chong (123.22 metres).
110 Metres High Hurdles.—1, Capt. P. Skipwith (R.A.); 2, B. S. Wilson; 3, Narvaat Singh. Time 17 secs.
800 Metres.—1, Heung Kat-sang; 2, Pte. Manson (R. Scots); 3, Koh Man-cheuk. Time 2 mins. 10.5/10 secs.

1,000 Metres Relay.—1, China Lin Association; 2, South China Athletic Association. Time 4 mins. 7 secs.
Women's 200 Metres.—1, June Hail; 2, Irene Lopes. Time 25/10 secs.
Finalists in the 100 metres open are A. Leonard, winner of the first heat in 11.5 sec., J. Odell, Sung Pui, Cheung Nai-sing, winner of the second heat in 11.8 secs., Sig. L. Parry, Hui Ping-yeung.

Referees' Assn. Whist Drive

THE THIRD monthly Whist Drive of the Hongkong Referees' Association will be held in the Hotel Cecil to-morrow at 8.30 p.m. Excellent prizes have been presented by the China Emporium.

Messrs. C. E. Ford and Notall will again be M.C.'s.
It is hoped to run these Whist Drives throughout the year. Tickets are \$1 each, and can be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Smith, from any Football Referee, or at the door.

Charity Soccer Match

Navy To Meet Eastern At Causeway Bay

AN INTERESTING charity football match will take place on Sunday, at Causeway Bay, when Royal Navy, who completed their fixture as top Service team in the First Division of the League, meet Eastern Athletic Association, fresh from their successes in Manila.

Despite their early season lapses, Royal Navy have given many sparkling performances lately, and accounted for South China A, Middlesex, Club and Royal Scots in a run of successes.

The Senior Service will be fielding a powerful side and, on current form, should fully extend the powerful Eastern combination, which will include three Shanghai (Lido) stars, who performed so successfully in Manila a fortnight ago.

THE TEAMS

Eastern's line up will be Lau Hin-hon; N. Z. Lee, who is a former Shanghai Interport centre-half, and Tsang Chung-wan; Lau Tse-tan, Hui King-sing, Hongkong's Interport left-half, and Lo Wai-kuon, Chung Yung-nam, Cheung Kam-hoi, Lee Tak-see, V. K. Hui, Shanghai Lido, centre-forward and Interport reserve, and either C. T. Tsao, former Shanghai Interport left-winger, or Hau Ching-to, Hongkong Interport left-winger.

The Navy team will be Robinson, Interport goalkeeper; Roughly and Hoiwell; Honeywell, Nichols and Britt; Phippen, Lo Page, Hendy, Thoburn and Bourne. Reserves, O'Regan, Forrester, Goodwin and Nicholson.

The match will commence at 4.30 p.m. and is in aid of British Naval Charities and the Chinese Friends of the Wounded Movement.

M. Pagh Wins Club Handicap Singles Title

M. PAGH, Hongkong C.C. tennis champion, with a handicap of -30/3, beat A. E. Barwell (-1/0) by 6-3 in the final of the Club Handicap Singles competition yesterday. Pagh has thus won his second trophy.

The tennis was hardly of a high standard. Pagh featured some hard driving, but for the most part received little opposition from his opponent at the door.

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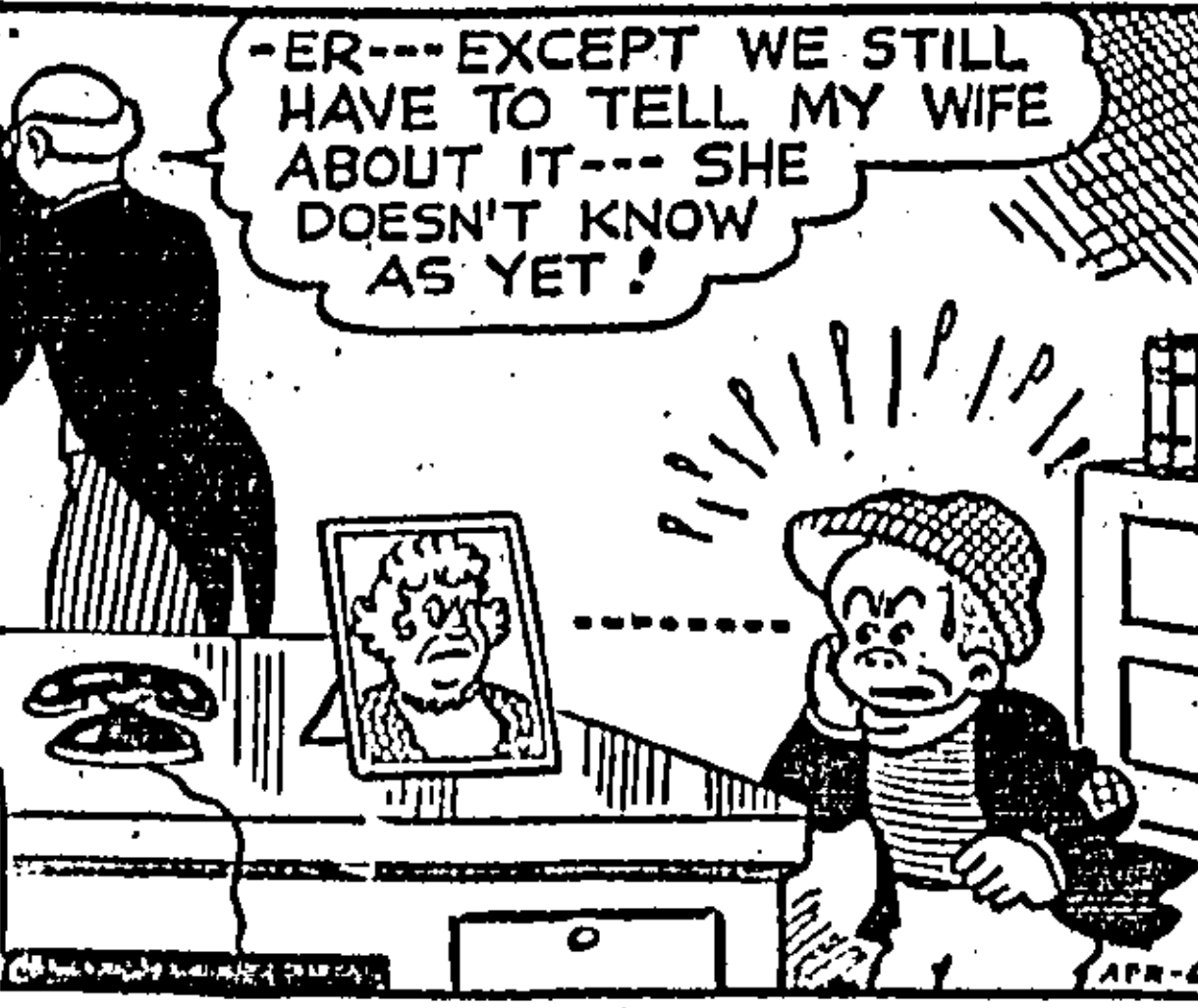
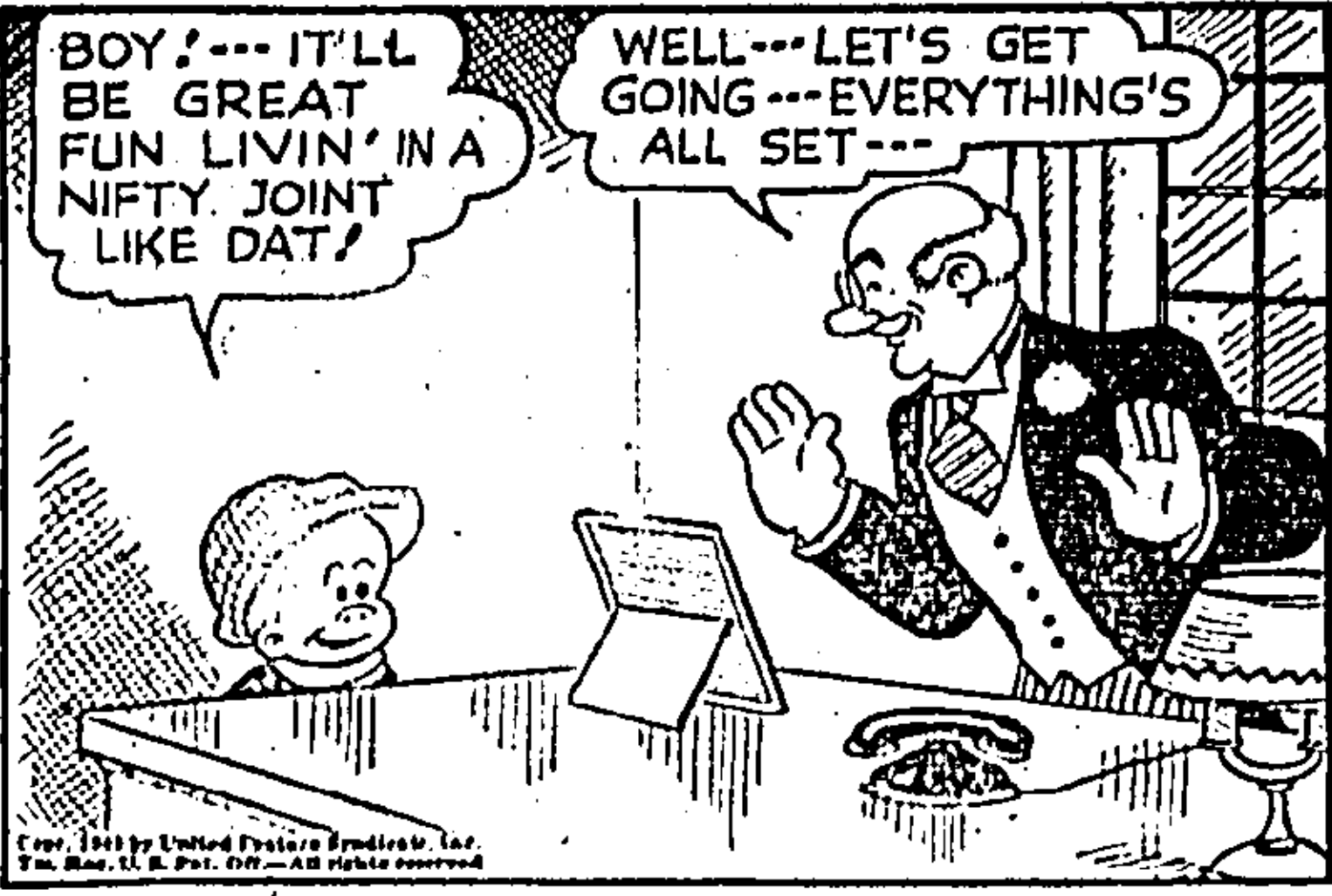
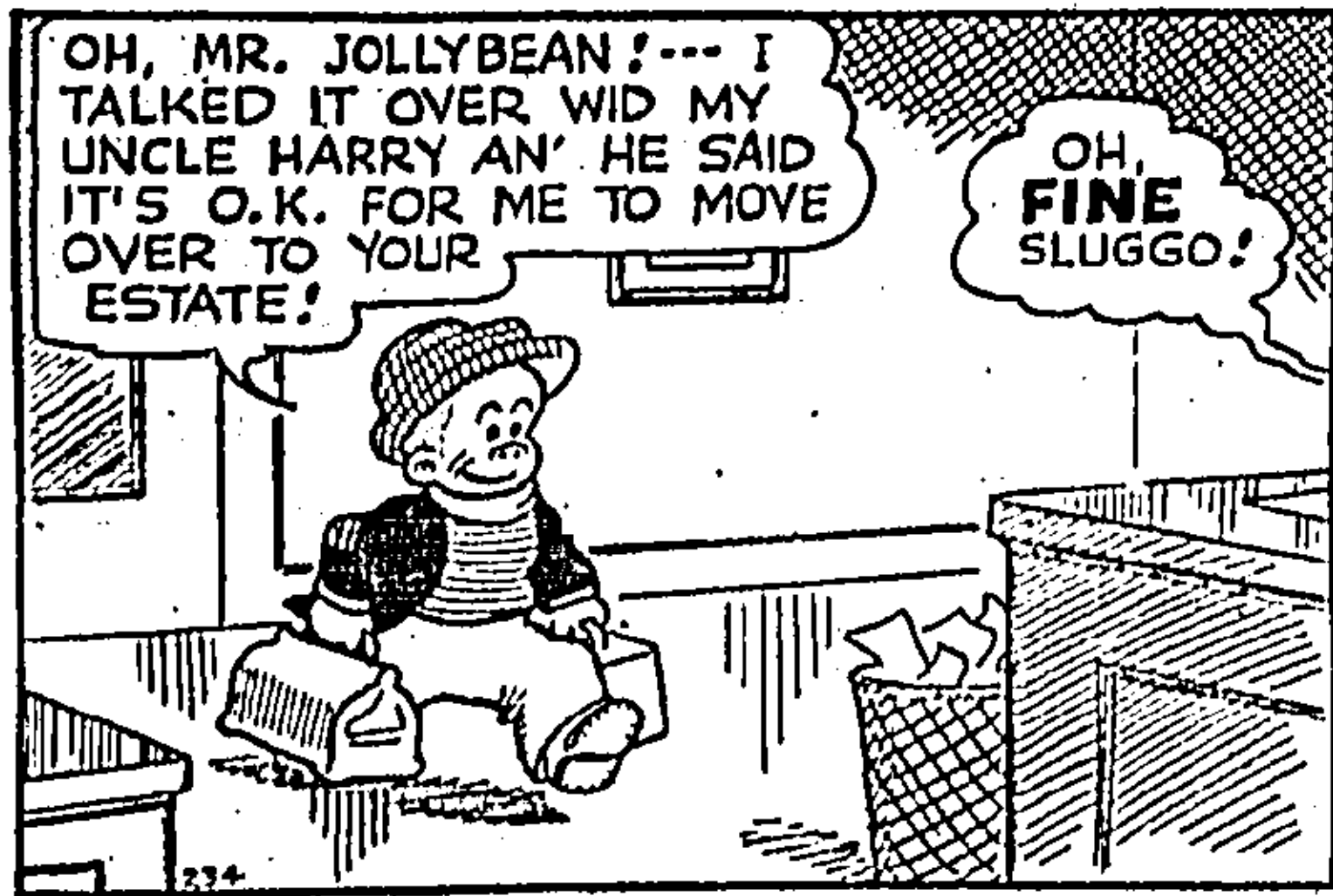
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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.

1.12 New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 "Band Wagon."

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2.15 Close down.

6.00 An Hour of Dance Music.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe."

7.30 London Relay--The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Light Orchestra.

8.15 Studio--Our Weekly Calendar. The first of a series of interesting universaries.

8.20 Alfredo and His Orchestra and William Brownlow (Baritone).

8.32 Elgar--Cockaigne Concert Overture, Op. 40.

The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar.

8.45 Studio--Two-Part Recital by Harry Ore and J. R. M. Smith.

1. Duet in the style of Mozart (Busoni); 2. (a) Andante from Sonata in G (Mozart); (b) Gavotte in G (Mozart); 3. The Sewerger (Mousorgski); 4. Musette in A Flat (Sibyllus); 5. Russian Easter Church-bells from Fantasy, Op. 5 (Rachmaninoff).

9.15 London Relay--News Summary.

9.30 London Relay--"World Affairs."

9.45 Concert Waltzes.

10.00 London Relay--War Commentary.

10.15 Puccini's "Madam Butterfly" Act 2.

11.00 Close Down.

'PERFECT GIRL' PLANS PERFECT BABY

Neusel Hits The Herr General (But Not)

PRIVATE NEUSEL, of the Reichswehr--you remember him as Walter Neusel, heavy-weight champion of Germany--has struck it cushy.

They have called him out of the Siegfried Line to box a general's ears.

This particular bit of "strength through joy" is with one of the chief Nasties, Herr General von Reichenau.

The Herr General is a good deal more athletically inclined than some others of the Regime--Goering, for instance.

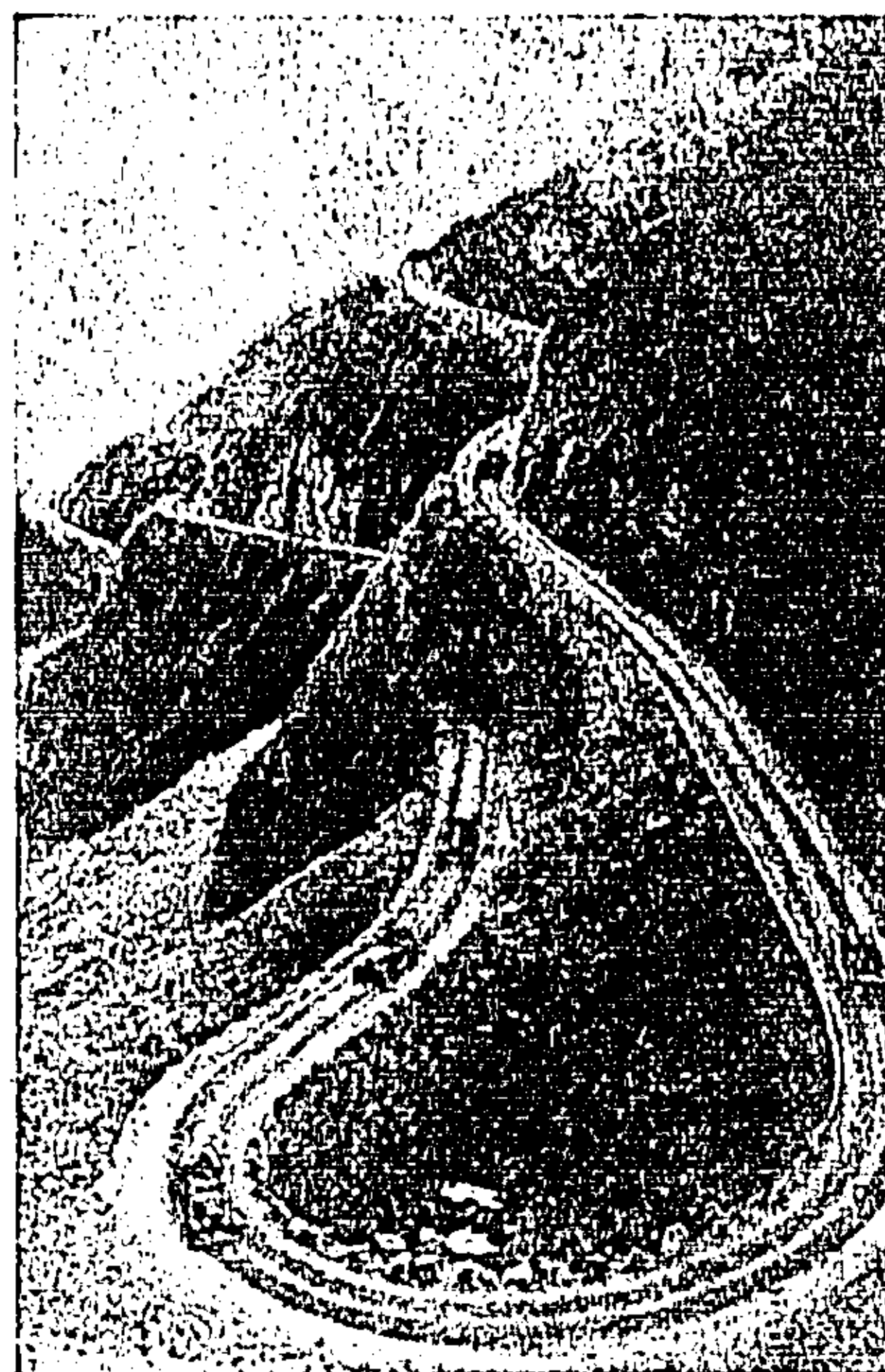
He caused a sensation during the Polish campaign by continuing his habitual early morning runs while in the field.

So every morning in Berlin (says B.U.P.) the wiry 56-year-old general may be seen with his trainer, Neusel, trotting in the Tiergarten or the Grunewald.

And most afternoons, at Berlin's School of Boxing, Neusel can enjoy the privilege of boxing his general's ears with impunity.

Well, not with impunity. For if the "blonde tiger" doesn't let the Herr General get one in sometimes it will be back to the Siegfried Line.

PERFECT BABY Prunella diets, keeps fit



PRUNELLA STACK, the girl who sets the standard of perfection in health and beauty for the women of Britain, is going to have a baby next month.

And Prunella, who has been called the Perfect Woman, is determined to have the Perfect Baby.

Prunella--her married name is Lady David Douglas-Hamilton--is the leader of the Women's League of Health and Beauty.

Now she is supplying the ideals of the League to preparing for the birth of her baby.

"I am keeping myself fit for the event," she said. "That is the important thing now."

"Naturally I am keeping up my exercises every day. Not strenuous athletic exercises like racing and jumping, which, can be injurious to the expectant mother, but the simple rhythmic exercises which the League of Health and Beauty has always advocated.

"Diet, too, is important. I am having lots of fruit and vegetables, but hardly any meat."

Her husband, Lord David Douglas-Hamilton, knows how to bring up the perfect baby, but she said modestly:

"I would like to have practical experience before discussing my theories... though I have many about the rearing of babies so that they will always be perfectly fit and healthy."

Prunella still finds time for the work that has made her famous. She thinks it essential for the expectant mother to carry on with normal interests.

"I am continuing my regular duties with the League," she said.

The League, useful in peacetime, is even more useful in time of war, and all our centres throughout the country are forging ahead.

"My husband, now a Pilot Officer with the R.A.F., is as delighted as I am about the prospective event."

Prunella Stack's marriage in October, 1939, when she was 22, to Lord David Douglas-Hamilton was one of the biggest social occasions in Scotland for many years.

A crowd of 20,000 cheered her as she left Glasgow Cathedral--arm-in-arm with killed Lord David.

Revenge In Breach Suit: May End In Man's Bankruptcy

--Says Judge

"I CANNOT CONCEIVE any real reasons for bringing an action of this sort, except a spirit of revenge," said Mr. Justice Hilbery, in the King's Bench Division.

He awarded £75 damages to Miss Edith Elizabeth King, aged 26, of Jaffrey Road, Bromley, against Mr. George Cook, of Wellington Road, Bromley, for breach of promise.

The case for Miss King was that she was engaged for three and a half years to Mr. Cook, an employee in a co-operative store. They were to be married last August, but, after she accidentally found a letter to him from another girl, he confessed that his affections had changed. He had since married someone else.

Miss King said in evidence that Mr. Cook wrote asking for his freedom. She consulted a solicitor, and at an interview Mr. Cook said he was willing to marry her, but she would have his body and not his soul. He would never love her and he refused to take any vows in church.

Mr. Justice Hilbery: Did you want to marry him if he didn't love you? Well, no.

Why did you consult a solicitor? Did you want to force him to marry you, or did you want to pave the way to damages?--I thought I ought to claim damages.

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Mr. Justice Hilbery, giving judgment, said there was no reason to suppose that Miss King was substantially in any worse position as regards the marriage market than she was at the outset of her engagement.

"She brings the action although she tells me that once the fact was out that Mr. Cook was in love with another woman she did not want to marry him," the Judge continued.

"The result will be that there must be a bill of costs forced on him, and the total sum awarded against him must be one that he cannot hope to pay and which will, I suppose, end in his bankruptcy."

"But perhaps he has other means than his earnings. The melancholy conclusion is that such an action ought not really to be brought in the

He, Too, Was A House Painter

Under training at an initial flying wing in England--is an aircraftman who, before he settled down in the R.A.F., had had nearly a dozen jobs. He left school at Bradford, Ontario, at the age of 18, and became in turn house painter at Detroit, tight-rope walker in a circus, coal miner and lorry driver in Texas.

From Texas he hitch-hiked and jumped trains to Ontario--2,800 miles. From Montreal he worked his passage in a cattle boat to Glasgow.

He became assistant in a women's shoe shop, but that lasted only three days. Then he worked for a silk firm at Newcastle, and was there when the war broke out.

In a few days he had joined the R.A.F.

Golfer Plays On 2,388 Courses

ALEX. H. FINDLEY seventy-two-year-old Philadelphian who introduced golf to America, has one ambition--to play on 2,400 courses before he dies.

His total now is 2,388, and he "still shoots well below the 90's."

Nazis "On Border Of Malnutrition"

A DAUGHTER was born recently to the wife of Lieut. Commander Allan Jackson, of the submarine Undine, who is a prisoner in Germany.

Mrs. Jackson was told by the Admiralty in January that her husband was missing. Ten days later she heard that he was among those saved when the Undine was sunk in Heligoland Bight.

She does not know where he is, but she is allowed to write to him, using a "prisoner of war" post envelope bearing an address which gives no information.

Three times a month Lieut. Commander Jackson is allowed to reply. He is thirty-four years old, has been in the Navy since he was thirteen. He has two other daughters, aged eight and five.

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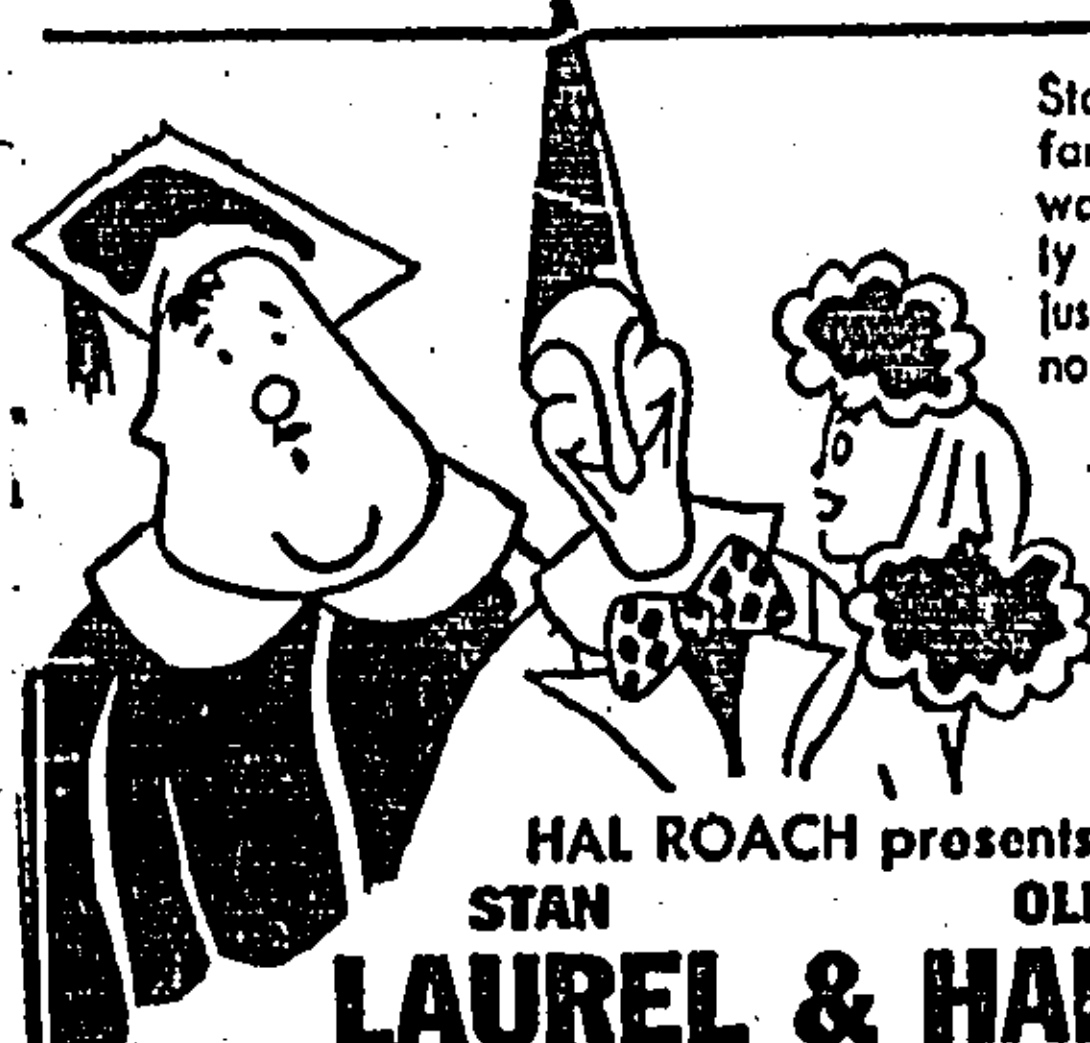


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11.10 E. G. Price, C. C. Stark.
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11.30 I. J. Gears, K. S. Morrison.
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3.50 Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Stewart.

Food For Norway's Population

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—Mr. A. T. Lennox-Boyd, Parliamentary Secretary for Home Security, told the House of Commons today that the Government was actively considering ensuring that the Norwegian civil population in the areas where British troops are operating are supplied with food.

TURKISH TRADE MISSION

ISTANBUL, May 2 (Reuter).—An economic mission is leaving here on Saturday for Bucharest to begin trade negotiations with the Rumanian Government.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Another idle day has to be recorded.

Buyers
Union Ins \$400
H.K. Steamboats \$11
H.K. Fire Ins \$171
Hotels \$4.35
Lands \$36½
Realities \$4.40
Lane Crawford's \$8½
Wm Powell \$1
Entertainments \$7.10
Sellers
Unions Ins \$500
H.K. Fire Ins \$175
Docks Cum Ris \$22
Hotels \$4½
Lights (New) \$5
Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,515
Unions Ins \$405
Lands \$36½
H.K. Govt. 4½ Loan \$103

LATE NEWS

Sloop Sunk By Nazi Aircraft

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, May 2 (UP).—An Admiralty communique issued to-day announces the loss of H.M.S. Bittern, a sloop of 1,190 tons, commanded by Lieut-Commander R. H. Mills.
"This ship was repeatedly attacked by enemy aircraft," says the Admiralty statement on the loss of the vessel.

Bittern Crew Saved

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—The Germans announced on Wednesday that the British headquarters at Namsos had been bombed and that a destroyer had been sunk.

Presumably this destroyer was the sloop Bittern which the Admiralty announced yesterday had been set on fire after a prolonged battle with Nazi aircraft.

One of the German planes was shot down and others were severely handled.

The Bittern was sunk to avoid becoming a danger to navigation. Her crew was taken off by another warship. No casualties have been reported as yet.

Approves Gandhi's Campaign

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—A "New York Times" editorial approves of Gandhi's virtual renunciation of civil disobedience.

Japan's Aims In Pacific

Sharp Commentary By Bucharest Paper

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—The Bucharest paper, "Cur-rentul," in a leader on Pacific questions, says:

"It is difficult in the present circumstances to find a policy satisfying Japanese needs."

"Holland has shown proofs of real sympathy for Japan and encourages all European tendencies to organise a just division of raw materials."

"Japan, on the other hand, is not inclined to wait for European principles of organisation in Asia. The powerful current of Japanese imperialism in Asia has won over public opinion in Tokyo."

LONG STRUGGLE AHEAD

Neutral Sources Warn Rome Of Situation

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—In Rome, while messages from Berlin continue to appear in the Italian Press under headlines announcing German triumphs or Allied reverses, there are constant references, in comments and many messages from neutral sources, to the recognition that the struggle will be long and that the outcome is impossible to foresee.

One despatch from Stockholm states that the situation in southern Norway is still in a fluid state, that there is no establishing of fronts and that operations have been so far conducted by relatively limited forces so that unexpected reverses may be experienced by either side.

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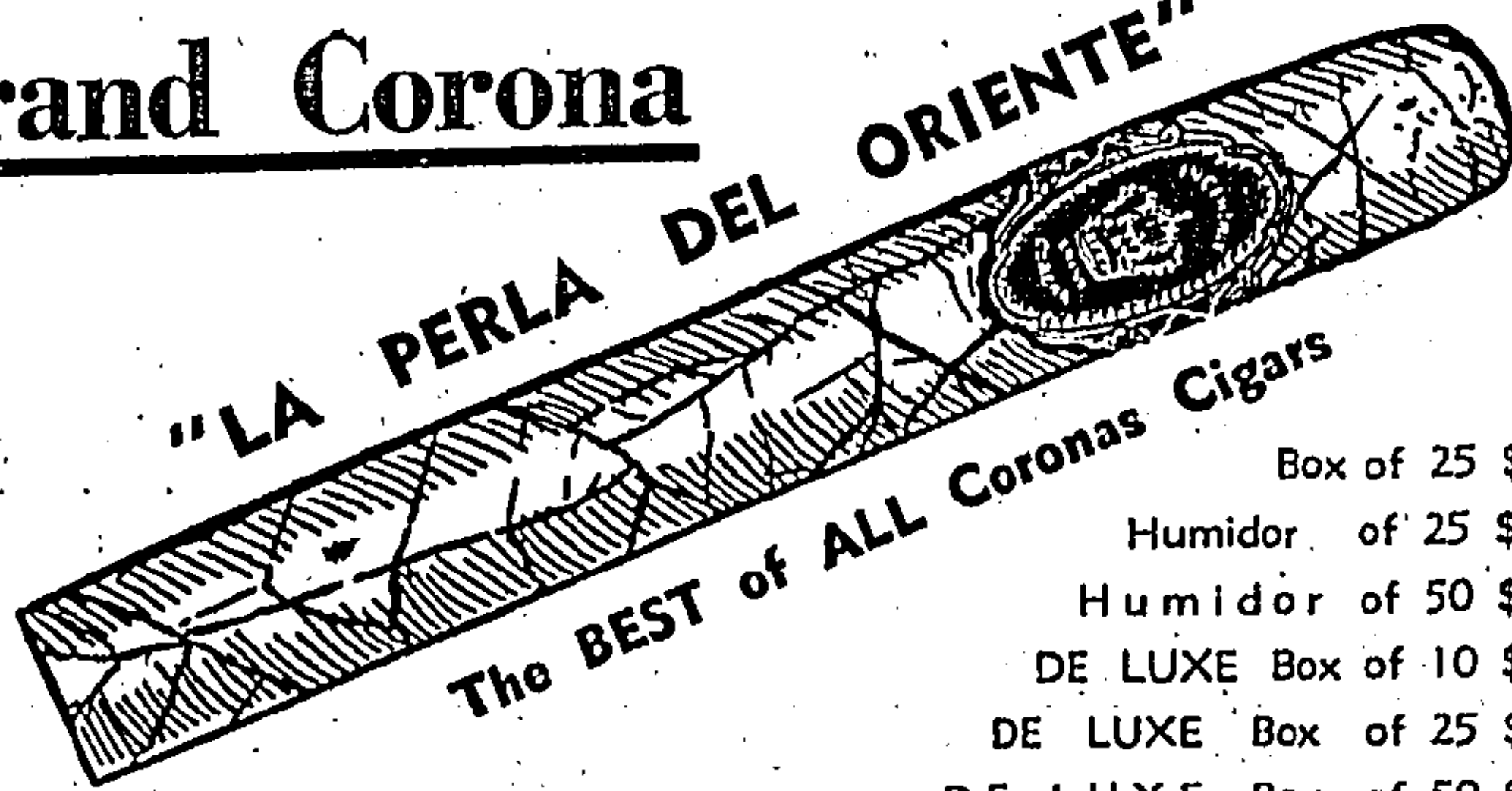
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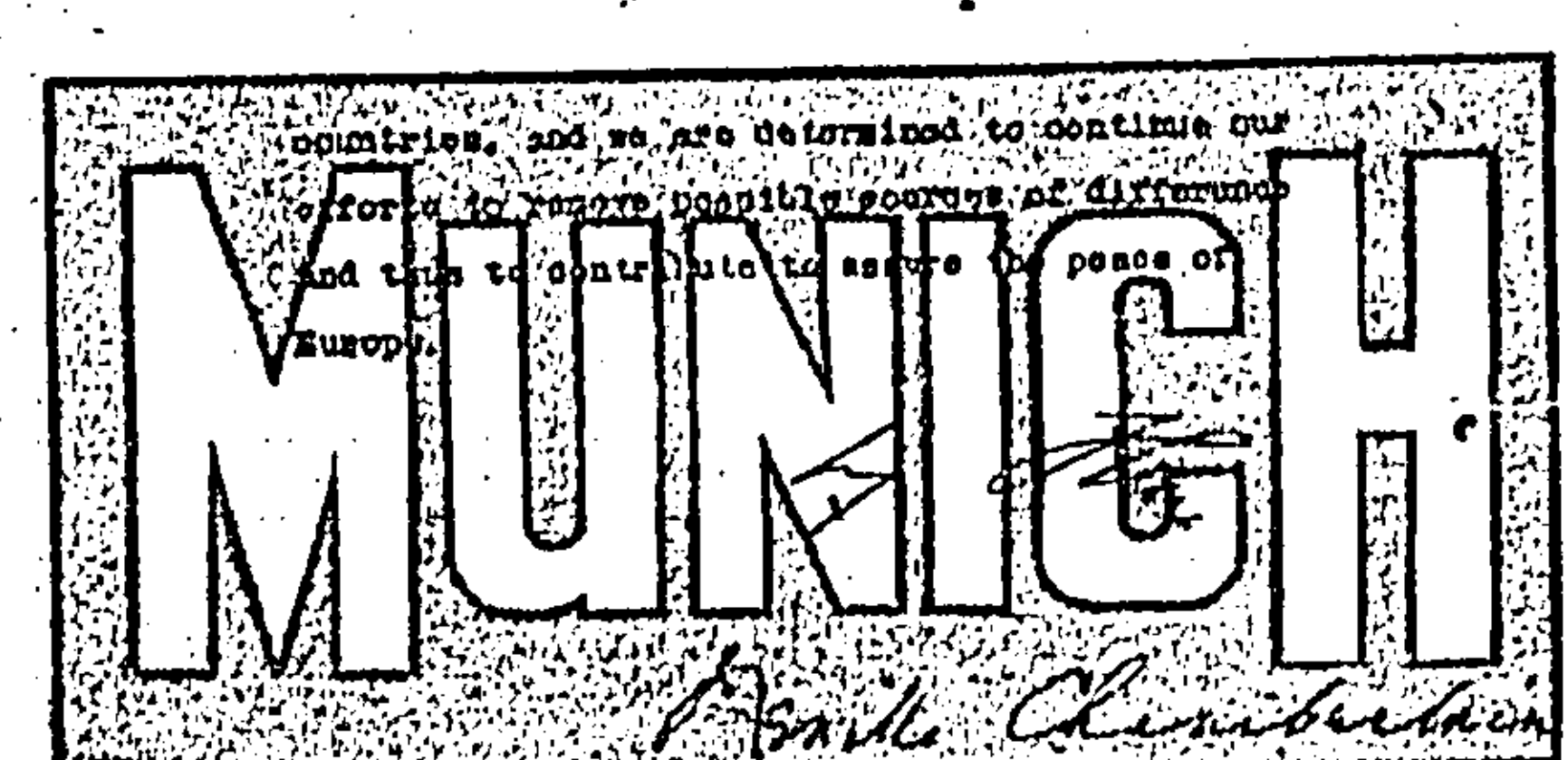
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JAPANESE ARRESTED To Be Charged With Treason

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, May 3 (UP).—The Japanese government have taken a 31-year old Japanese named Yoshinori Yamamura into custody on a charge of treason.
He will shortly appear before a military court martial.
He is accused of assisting the enemy by disclosing military secrets. He is also charged with establishing a fraudulent cultural educational association in which he made 40,000 yen.
The suspect is alleged to have published a pamphlet last February entitled "Japanese Proclamation" which is said to have seriously libelled Japanese statesmen and military leaders.
The pamphlets were said to have been distributed throughout China and Japan.
The prisoner has been convicted four times previously for breach of the Press Laws and bribery.

BRITISH NEWSREEL King's Theatre Screens Graphic Film

Hongkong's plea for up-to-the-minute British news-reels has been met by the King's Theatre.
Special arrangements have been made for British news-reels to be despatched to Hongkong by air mail each week, and they will be immediately screened at this theatre.
The first such news-reel to be shown under this arrangement is now showing at the King's in conjunction with "Intermezzo".
Among the items listed are shots of British troops leaving England for Norway and several scenes in Norway itself.
In the sporting field, the International Soccer Match between England and Wales is adequately covered.
Other items include shots of the R.A.F. and Royal Navy in action, a Red Cross parade in Australia and shots of the French navy clearing up German mines.
**EUROPEAN'S LOSS
IN POST OFFICE**
The loss of a wallet containing papers and money to the value of \$35 was either lost or stolen from Mr. F. A. Dunnett, of 30 Hankow Road, while he was in the Kowloon Post Office on Wednesday.

BALKANS CALL UP TROOPS

**Italian Forces On
Yugo-Slav Frontier**
**British Warships Go To
Mediterranean**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, May 2 (UP).—An Allied battle fleet is already in the east basin of the Mediterranean en route to Alexandria, declared Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day.
He added that the "injuries to Germany have been so substantial as to permit an important redistribution of the main Allied fleet."
Hitler's next move may be to attack southeastern Europe, Mr. Chamberlain declared.
The Premier also predicted that Hitler may attempt a lightning swoop on Britain.
Greek Mobilisation
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ATHENS, May 2 (UP).—Ten classes of the reserve of Officers and certain specialists have been called to the colours for a month's training between May and August.
Yugo-Slav Precautions
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, May 1 (Domei).—The Yugo-Slavian Government has mobilized the Reservists in view of increased activities of the Italian troops along the border, according to a Press report from Belgrade.
A Yugo-Slavian treaty called to the colours now total 500,000.

U.S. Warning
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, May 2 (UP).—A lengthy discussion regarding U.S. shipping in the Mediterranean took place Wednesday received the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips.
It is understood that the Ambassador informed Il Duce that if Italy is involved in war United States shipping in the Mediterranean will cease in conformity with the Neutrality Law.
United States circles here are of the opinion that such action would possibly prove to be of considerable harm to Italian trade.
The United States Ambassador was in conference with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister to-day.
Washington Talks
WASHINGTON, May 2 (Reuter).—The Italian Ambassador, Prince Colonna, conferred for 15 minutes with Mr. Sumner Welles, the Assistant Secretary of State, this afternoon and afterwards went to see President Roosevelt.
These conversations created considerable interest at the State Department.
Mr. Welles later said the State Department had received a full report from the Ambassador in Rome on his interview with Signor Mussolini.
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, MAY 2 (UP).—THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALLIED FORCES FROM SOUTHERN NORWAY AND THE TRONDHEIM SECTOR IS NOW CONFIRMED BY AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE WAR OFFICE, WHICH SAYS THAT THE RETREAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN THE FACE OF "EVER INCREASING ENEMY STRENGTH."

The statement continues: "The Allied troops have successfully embarked at Andalsnes and other ports in the neighbourhood."
"This was done despite the enemy's incessant efforts to destroy these ports and their communications by air action."

Referring to the conflict in north Norway, the communique says: "In the Narvik area operations are continuing and Allied detachments have been in contact with the enemy. There is nothing further to report from Namsos."

Meanwhile a German High Command communique from Berlin says: "In the unresisted pursuit of the retreating English forces, German troops reached Andalsnes and raised the Reich flag there at 3 p.m. to-day."

The statement added that the Germans successfully bombed two British aircraft-carriers off the Norwegian coast on Wednesday, and at the same time bombed a British destroyer and brought down two planes which were trying to defend the ships.
In the same raid, said the communique, only one German bomber was lost.

Text Of Communique
LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—A War Office communique states: "Allied forces which have been carrying out delaying operations south of Trondheim during the past few days have now, after repelling many enemy attacks, been withdrawn in the face of increasing enemy strength."
"They were successfully embarked at Andalsnes and other ports in the neighbourhood."
"This was done in spite of the enemy's incessant efforts to destroy these ports and communications by air action."

"In the Narvik area, operations are continuing and detachments have been in contact with the enemy."
"There is nothing further to report from Namsos."

Nazis In Andalsnes
LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—A German High Command communique issued from Berlin to-day states that the Germans entered Andalsnes at 1 p.m. to-day.

German Reports
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, May 2 (UP).—D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) to-day reports from the front: "Norway, from Steinkjer through Trondheim, Bergen, Stavanger, Kristiansand and Oslo to the Swedish frontier is now in German hands."
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A VIEW OF Andalsnes, the Allied base in southern Norway, which was evacuated yesterday. The Germans are now in occupation of the seaport.

HARDY MEN OF THE DESTROYER HARDY



A hundred and thirty Officers and men of H.M.S. Hardy, the destroyer that ran aground in the first attack on Narvik, and men of H.M.S. Eclipse marching through London after their exciting adventures in Norway. About fifty of the Hardy's men landed when their ship grounded and captured 120 Germans.

TRONDHEIM STILL A BATTLE GROUND: FIERCE FIGHTING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, May 2 (UP).—Although the British forces have evacuated the area south of Trondheim, bitter fighting is still being waged around Trondheim itself.
The Norwegian High Command to-day claims that the tide of battle has turned with a sensational and unexpected defeat of the German forces near Roeros yesterday.

The daring German trust towards Trondheim now, in turn, appears to be in serious danger.
Norwegian forces on the right flank of the German troops operating along the Oesterdal and Gudbrandsdal valleys are attempting to connect their attacks with those launched by British and French forces operating from Dombas.

Norwegian Victory
The town of Os, where the Norwegians claim to have scored a victory over the Germans, is strategically important because a secondary road leads northwards over Forellhagga Mountain through the towns of Budal and Rognes.

Rognes is on the railway linking Roeros to Steeren, and is about 13 miles south-east of Steeren.
Forellhagga Mountain is 9,000 feet above sea level.

Although not officially confirmed by the Norwegians, it is reported here that the Germans have been forced to evacuate Tynset.

Roeros Hears Fighting
Heavy machine-gun fire and grenade detonations are clearly audible in Roeros.

German planes, equipped with light cannon and machine-guns, are participating in the fighting in this sector.
It has been announced that no separate casualty lists will be issued for the B.E.F. in Norway.

NAZI ATTACKS ON RED CROSS

STOCKHOLM, May 3 (Reuter).—According to reports from the Norwegian Northern Headquarters, the Norwegian Government has informed the International Red Cross at Geneva that German planes attacked transports of wounded in Norwegian waters for the third time on May 1, causing serious losses, including doctors, women and nurses.

LISBON, May 3 (Reuter).—Bruno Mussolini, son of Il Duce, has arrived here on a private visit.

PARIS CONFIDENT AUGMENTED ALLIED FLEET ABLE TO DEAL WITH SITUATION

Dictators' Alleged Plan To Carry War Into Mediterranean

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, May 3 (UP).—The possibility of an extension of the European War to the Mediterranean took form last night when it was unofficially reported that Hitler and Mussolini had designed their respective spheres of defence at the recent meeting at Brenner.

The report states that the two dictators have agreed that, in the event of Italian participation in the war aerial and naval operations will be carried out for the purpose of attempting to divide the Mediterranean at its narrowest point between Sicily, Pantellaria and Tripoli.
One important thing must now be taken into consideration, however.

These plans were made before the major part of the German Navy was destroyed in the operations off Norway.

Italy did not count on the wholesale diversion of the British and French battle fleets that has now occurred.

The alleged totalitarian plan to isolate the Allied forces in the Near East from their Home bases had far less chance of succeeding.
According to French reports, Italy estimated 110 submarines and a strong fleet of motor torpedo boats in the narrow strait between Sicily and French Tunisia.

Confidence is expressed here, however, that the augmented British and French Fleets would be able to control the greater part of the Mediterranean.

The Allies now possess 780,000 tons of warships in the Mediterranean compared with Italy's 405,000 tons.

LATEST

Wharves To Be Out Of Bounds

New Emergency Regulations

The "Telegraph" understands that new regulations will be gazetted in Hongkong to-night, declaring the wharves and property of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Ltd., Holt's Wharf and other wharves and godowns on the Hongkong waterfront prohibited areas within the meaning of the Emergency Defence Regulations.
The prohibition will also be applied to waterworks and other public utilities.
The effect of this extension of the Regulations will be to prevent the use of these areas for the purpose of the war effort.
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RAIDS ON STAVANGER

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aerodrome three large fires were started by incendiary bombs. Nazi Plane Downed. LONDON, May 3 (Reuter).—It is learned that during the 23rd raid on Stavanger yesterday morning, a German bomber shot down a German seaplane which was apparently returning from a mine-laying expedition on the English coast. The British pilot saw the German dropping flares preparatory to landing and attacked him at close range.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Another idle day has to be recorded.

Buyers	
Union Ins \$490	
H.K. Steamships \$11	
H.K. Fire Ins \$171	
Hotels \$4.35	
Lands \$36.4	
Realities \$4.40	
Lane Crawford's \$8.74	
Wm Powell \$1	
Entertainments \$7.10	
Sellers	
Unions Ins \$500	
H.K. Fire Ins \$175	
Docks Cum Ris \$22	
Hotels \$4.4	
Lights (New) \$5	
Sales	
H.K. Banks \$1,515	
Unions Ins \$495	
Lands \$36.4	
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$103	

Officer Told: Hands Out Of Pockets

Nothing that a Royal Engineer's officer in the witness box at Rochester county court had his hands in his pockets, Judge Clements told him. "You are an officer in His Majesty's Army. This is one of His Majesty's courts and you will not stand here with your hands in your pockets, please."

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Director, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
3	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2789	Junction of Castle Peak Road and Yee Choo Street.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	\$ 74	\$ 4,950

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1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 4275	Between Fa Yuen Street and Sai Yee Street.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	22,500	\$ 414	\$ 5,250

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
2	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2789	Junction of Castle Peak Road and Yee Choo Street.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	\$ 74	\$ 4,950

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BERKELEY, Calif. May 2 (UP).—Major General James McRae, 70, retired, ex-Commander of the Philippine Department, died here today.

BALKANS CALL UP TROOPS

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colled yesterday. The talk, he said, was of a general character and consisted of an interchange of views on the international situation.

Reassuring Statement. PARIS, May 2 (Reuter).—According to a Rome despatch, it is believed that when the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, called on Count Ciano, he was given a reassuring statement concerning Italian intentions regarding Yugoslavia.

Secret Appeal Denied. BELGRADE, May 2 (Reuter).—The reports that Prince Paul, the senior Regent of Yugoslavia, had been on a visit to Rumania and had made a secret appeal for aid to King Carol are "entirely without foundation," a Yugoslav official, who is close to the Prime Minister, announced this to "Reuters" today.

Responsible circles here believe that the situation is not such as to warrant any appeal from Yugoslavia to any other State for special aid of a diplomatic nature or otherwise.

Madrid And The Mediterranean. MADRID, May 2 (Reuter).—The uncertain state of relations between the Allies and Italy, emphasised by the closing of the Mediterranean to British shipping, is taken with remarkable calm here, becoming more emphatic that unless Spanish sovereignty in the Balearic Islands or elsewhere is violated, Spain will remain neutral.

Sharp Hint To Il Duce. LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—A "New York Times" editorial on Italy says: "The re-routing of British shipping should remind Mussolini more effectively than a dozen diplomatic warnings of the dangers of going to war against the Allies."

Egypt Excited

LONDON, May 3 (UP).—Britain's precautionary measures in the Mediterranean have caused considerable excitement throughout Egypt, but there is no official disposition to take the situation tragically. The Premier, Ali Maher Pasha, told the Press today that whilst the international situation remained serious and full of surprises, there was no immediate cause for alarm.

All precautionary measures would be taken, he said, to meet any eventuality. Meanwhile, reports from Bucharest suggest that the Balkan States, which have been chronically balanced between war jitters and an almost equally jittery calm, tipped towards gloom to-night as new rumours greeted Rumanians as they returned to the capital after a five day holiday.

It is impossible to check the rumours at present, but their substance seems to indicate the approach of a Mediterranean show-down.

Four Sample Reports

Here are just a few of the reports that are flying around the Rumanian capital:

1.—England is going to blockade the Mediterranean to all shipping;

2.—Turkish troops are moving along the mainline opposite Italy's Dodecanese Islands, where air and naval bases dominate the Aegean Sea;

3.—The Rumanian Government has learned that some sort of German action is pending;

4.—German troops are being despatched to strategic aerodromes in potential trouble centres.

Malta As Battle Ground

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". PARIS, May 3 (Dome).—An extension of the European War to the Mediterranean would probably mean that the first battles would be fought in the region of Malta and the Pantalleria, military observers believe. Information reaching Paris suggests that Italy has 100 submarines and a number of torpedo boats concentrated between Sicily and Tunisia.

"Entirely Unnecessary"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". ROME, May 3 (Dome).—Italian observers consider that the diversion of British ships from the Mediterranean is entirely unnecessary and has caused complications.

Observers in Rome state that it would be hard to conclude that Italy will abandon her quasi-neutrality, and stress that much room has still been left for negotiations between Italy and Britain.

The fact that the Italian liner Rex has just sailed from Naples for the United States is advanced as showing that Italy has no intention of joining forces with Germany.

Desperate Balkans

Reports from Budapest state that the Balkans are taking desperate measures to prevent the European War from spreading to their territories.

Rumania, Turkey and Yugoslavia are again investigating the status of all foreign residents and Rumania is now refusing visas to all foreign travellers.

Many disguised German officers are said to be in Hungary and Yugoslavia and the number of German "travellers" to the Balkans has increased substantially in recent weeks.

Considerable apprehension has been caused by reports that German armed patrol boats, camouflaged as river cargo vessels, are now proceeding along the lower reaches of the Danube, and some are reported to have already reached Bucharest, in Bulgaria. There is no official confirmation of this rumour which, if true, would be a violation of the Danube River Agreement.

BERKELEY, Calif. May 2 (UP).—Major General James McRae, 70, retired, ex-Commander of the Philippine Department, died here today.

Rumania Urged To Ask For Aid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 2 (UP).—In its nightly broadcast in Rumanian to-night, the B.B.C. urgently appealed to Rumania not to delay any request for Allied aid.

"In Palestine, Syria and Egypt, the great armies of England and France are missing," the B.B.C. said.

"Hitler understands nothing but force."

"But the Allies have enough force in the Near East to utterly smash any adventure Hitler may undertake in the Balkans."

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	1,515 a.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	202 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	202 n.
Chartered	0.94 a.
Mercantile, A. & B.	31 n.
Mercantile, C.	12 1/2 n.
East Asia	74 b.

INSURANCE

Canton	230 n.
Union	485 n.
China Underwriters	85 cts.
H.K. Fire	175 s.

SHIPPING

Douglases	120 n.
Steamships	100 n.
Indo-China S.S.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers)	73/8 n.
Waterbots S.S.	6.50 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Docks (c. rts.)	22 s.
Docks (x. rts.)	18.65 n.
Docks (rts.)	4.35 c.
Providence	65 1/2 n.

MINING

Kailan-a/-	20 1/4 n.
Raub	9.65 n.
H.K. Mines	6 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels	4 1/2 n.
Lands	30 1/2 b.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	16.10 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	17.40 b.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	6 n.
Star Ferries	25 1/2 n.

China Lights (old)	7.00 n.
China Lights (new)	4.00 n.
H.K. Electric	64 1/2 n.
Macao Electric	20 1/2 n.

Sandakan Lights	11 1/2 n.
Telephones (old)	10 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	10 1/2 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold: Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. 14.90 n.
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Canton Ice	1 n.
Cement	17 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms	22 s.
Watsons	9.15 b.
Lane Crawford's	8 1/2 b.
Sinceres	2 n.

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MANILA SHARES

Following are sales and bid prices: May 2, May 3, Afternoon Closing

Atok	10 1/2
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Baguio Gold	10 1/2
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Benquet Cons.	Unq. 4.00 b.
Big Wedge	117 1/2
Coca Grove	8 1/2
Cons. Mines	60 1/2
Demonstration	30 1/2
East Mindanao	31
IXL	31
Ipo Gold	37 1/2
Igor Mining	Unq. 20 b.
Mambulo Cons.	Unq. 20 b.
Masbate Cons.	Unq. 20 b.
Masbate Cons.	Unq. 20 b.
Mine Operations	7 1/2
North Camarines	34 1/2
Paracoto Cons.	34 1/2
San Mauricio	34 1/2
Surigao Cons.	34 1/2
Suvar Cons.	34 1/2
Syndicate Invest.	Unq. 20 b.
United Pacencia	21

The Manila market held another quiet morning session with the majority of stocks remaining unchanged. Masbate Consolidated showed a gain of one centavo, while other changes shown were losses ranging from fractions to one centavo, as seen in Atok and San Mauricio.

NEW JUDGE ON BENCH

Mr. Justice Williams took his seat as acting Puisne Judge in the Supreme Court this morning. He is the replacement of Mr. Justice Lindell, who has left the Colony on leave.

On behalf of the legal profession, Mr. C. A. S. Russ expressed their pleasure at having him preside over them again, and referred to the happy relations existing between his Lordship and the solicitors when he presided over them before.

His Lordship thanked Mr. Russ for his remarks.

ALLIES EVACUATE

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apart from unimportant centres of resistance.

"German troops advancing to the east in the Bergen sector have occupied the large power station and aluminium works at Kinsvick."

A further D.N.B. report claims that the German troops are at present engaged "in breaking down the last enemy resistance near Andalsnes."

"Thereby, the enemy's attempt to halt the advance of the German troops has been finally shattered."

The fighting around Andalsnes is at present a difficult military problem," the report adds.

Further it states that the enemy is in retreat towards Andalsnes. "Only at isolated points are they desperately attempting to prevent the retreat from developing into a panic-like flight," the advancing German troops, however, are breaking all resistance," D.N.B. declares.

German Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BERLIN, May 2 (UP).—The German High Command, in the first communiqué for two days to give a detailed account of the fighting in central Norway, claimed to-day that the Germans were thrusting down the Romsdal Valley from Dombas, driving the British forces in "headlong retreat" towards Andalsnes and the sea.

Responsible German quarters admitted that they do not know what are the present British intentions, but expressed the opinion that a rapid withdrawal towards the coast at Andalsnes, leaving, according to German claims, only a light screen of Norwegian forces to cover their retreat, indicates that the British are planning to re-embark at Andalsnes and evacuate that entire area of Norway.

Although the German High Command's communiqué does not mention the actual fall of Dombas, responsible German quarters said it is now, without the slightest doubt, in German hands since the communiqué describes the Germans as being only 30 miles southeast of Andalsnes, in words about half way down the Romsdal Valley between Dombas and the sea.

Belated Correction

There is no explanation why the High Command after 24 hours issued a belated correction to yesterday's communiqué to state that fighting is still continuing in the Dombas area.

In any case to-day's communiqué indicates it is not a belated retraction of the claim to have captured Dombas although it may indicate that 48 hours ago—the period which yesterday's communiqué describes—Dombas was not actually in German hands.

The belief in German quarters is that if the British are actually retreating to prepare for embarkation, it should be only a matter of two or three days before the Germans clear up this entire sector, leaving possibly a few scattered Norwegian detachments in the Osterdal region which, it is noticed, is not mentioned in today's war communiqué.

There is no information in Berlin about the Norwegians' position, but it is believed they will have but slight importance since any Norwegian or Allied force in Osterdal would presumably be cut off from the main body retreating towards Andalsnes.

In that case their only hope of avoiding ultimate capture would be if they succeeded in forcing their way over the Swedish frontier.

Osterdal Valley Battle

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". ROEROS, May 2 (UP).—Norwegian military officers to-day revealed that a pitched battle between German troops, Norwegian regulars and Swedish volunteers began at 1 p.m. to-day in the area eight miles southwest of Roeros in the Osterdal valley.

German Version

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BERLIN, May 2 (UP).—A German High Command communiqué says the British are evacuating the area around Andalsnes.

D.N.B. reports that the British have evacuated Dombas.

The Usual Lies

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". STOCKHOLM, May 2 (UP).—Usually unreliable German sources claim that an unspecified number of Allied troops were trapped when the Germans entered Andalsnes.

This report is an addition to the large number of Nazi falsehoods that have been spread since the beginning of the Nazi campaign in Norway.

*Mr. Chamberlain announced that the evacuation of Andalsnes had been accomplished without loss.

MR. DUBOIS DIES IN HOSPITAL

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companions commenced shooting indiscriminately in the jewellery establishment.

Contrary to reports published this morning, the man was arrested in the shop and was not chased down the street.

The robbery occurred at 5 p.m. when many pedestrians were passing the shop.

Shanghai Bandits

Police believe that the three gangsters arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai about a fortnight ago. They proceeded to Macao last week and returned to Hongkong two days ago.

It is believed that the robbery was planned in a well-known Chinese hotel, where the bandits had rooms.

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MAGAZINE PAGE

EYES OF WAR

NOT many months ago a foreign military commander made this startling statement: "The army with the best photographic corps will win the next war!"

Of course, aerial mapping and reconnaissance are important, but can they be that important?

At the end of the World War cameras served as auxiliary eyes for the Army and an excellent tidier for the memory of the observer. In fact, conditions were often such that the camera could not be used, although visual observation could be made.

To-day, the camera is the super eye, instantly recording details which the observer could not assimilate in a half hour and revealing minute details when the eye encounters only shifting haze.

Try to imagine actual military conditions and you can understand the officer's opinion.

A new position has been taken, men are digging into temporary defences, which are wide open to barrage and aerial attack. The whole corps is vulnerable. The only defence lies in deception.

A mile behind the line a false trench is dug, only a few inches deep. It is decorated with helmets, bayonets, and general trench debris.

When the enemy flies over their concealed trenches, their position will not be seen because the false trenches are assumed to be the true ones.

Yes, such a defence would be successful in 1918, but to-day it wouldn't fool the aerial camera a moment.

Modern military strategy depends upon information, accurate information, obtained without loss of time. The enemy move artillery into a new, well-chosen position over-night; submarines lie in secret harbours, with motors silent; rapid, mobile combat units move unexpectedly to new position in the haze of battle; an effective battery is operating from behind a hill, whose height must be determined.

Heretofore, information about such developments had to depend upon the more or less accurate observation of man. To-day the modern military camera answers the question accurately and instantaneously.

THE pictures are taken in the air, and by the time the aeroplane is grounded the negatives are developed, all ready for rapid examination and for quick printing.

Within less than ten minutes after grounding, the staff officers may examine clear photographs of the scene of action! And these photographs will reveal many things not visible to the eyes of the photographer who made the shots.

The penetration of opaque strata is an accomplished fact.

U-boats can be photographed when the surface reflection hides them from visual observation, and when ordinary photography would show the water as a metallic, opaque surface; ground haze can be cut through easily; even light fog and hazy smoke can be wiped away by the magic of modern photography.

During the war of 1914 panchromatic plates were still in the experimental stage, and very poor at that. To-day we have a dozen or more different kinds of panchromatic films of excellent quality.

Pan film, as it is called, is highly important. Briefly, we must remember that ordinary daylight is made up of all colours. The rainbow is formed when daylight is split up into its component parts.

These colours run, in order of wavelength, blue, green, yellow, orange and red. Violet is the shorter component of blue. When light travels some distance the violet and blue rays get lost, are reflected and bounced about until they no longer mean anything to the eye.

However, in their confused state they give the appearance of a uniform blue colour. The most common example on is the sky. There is



The answer to the question everyone is asking: 'WHY DON'T THEY DROP BOMBS?'

"sky" between the aeroplane and the ground

THE red rays are not so easily disturbed, and if we could brush away the interfering curtain of tangled blue rays, we could see right through the haze; in fact it would disappear.

Ordinary films respond only to

the blue part of daylight; panchromatic films react to every colour of daylight.

Therefore, if a sheet of red glass is placed over the camera lens, this glass, which we call a filter, pushes back the blue and green rays letting only the red through.

By this means it is possible to make sharp and clear photographs of objects which are completely hidden to the eyes by a heavy curtain of haze. In very bad cases we go even further and make use of the invisible rays below the visible red.

Infra-red reveals another important trick of camouflage. The enemy moves artillery into position overnight. By morning the guns are camouflaged by trees and boughs. Dumps and trench openings are concealed beneath rough, green-painted canvas.

From the air the new position is absolutely invisible, yet within an hour after daylight they are shelled so heavily that the position has to be abandoned.

How was the position discovered? Infra-red films have a peculiar characteristic. Green paint will photograph as dark grey or black, while living foliage photographs snow-white in this curious, in-

visible, "light." The guns and dumps are revealed as if they were coal black on a field of snow!

HOWEVER, night photography is not ruled out.

So great has been the development in film sensitivity and lens speeds since 1918—and many such developments are not yet commercialised—that effective exposures can be made now with about 1-5,000 the amount of light necessary twenty-five years ago.

Most people are familiar with the routine of mosaic mapping.

A plane flies over a strip of territory, maintaining as nearly constant altitude as is practical. At the end of the trip the plane is turned and flies back a short distance to one side of the original path.

Back and forth the flight is made until the whole area has been photographed in a number of narrow strips. The series of photographs thus made are assembled into a great mosaic by cutting the central portion from each and matching it to the next one.

The result is that the enemy's secrets are secrets no longer.

HERBERT C. McKAY

Balkans, Prize of Many Wars, Watch Rapid Changes



Mountainous Nations Need Large Armies to Defend Passes, Vulnerable on All Sides.

Sizes of the armies of Balkan nations here include trained reserves. Military fortifications are weaker than those of Western Europe. The rivers, Morava, Vadar, and Danube, corridors of trade, have often been avenues for bringing invaders.

Flashback to 1914-18 Trench Raid

ONE of the most difficult things in the world is for the infantryman of the 1914-18 war to try to understand this war, and this war's patrols, outposts, and raids. And its distances between the two lines (ours and theirs).

It is far easier for the man who has just read about both wars, but taken part in neither. To us 1914-18-era war is something fought between two armies each entrenched in a glorified ditch within at most 200 yards and at some points seventy-five yards of each other.

Between the two ditches was no-man's-land; shell-holes, mud, barbed wire, miles and miles of tangled masses of it (ours and theirs). We knew two kinds of trench

raids—the silent and the not-so-silent. Here are how the two went:—

No. 1—The not-so-silent

Message for company commander "A" company: "One officer, a sergeant, and six men will carry out a raid on the German front line 13-10 hours for the purpose of bringing back two or three prisoners."

The whole company stands by on the fire step of the front line trench as the raiding party quietly

climbers over the parapet. A whispered muttering—"Good luck, Bill," and "Mind the wire," as the party disappears into the blackness of no-man's-land.

Apart from the occasional ping of a bullet, all is reasonably quiet. A hundred yards away (in this case) is the German front line. We keep as close together as possible. Carefully we drag our way through barbed wire at a point where it has been previously cut, knowing that the slightest sound will betray us to the Germans.

Suddenly a loud detonation and a hiss comes from the enemy trenches. A second later the shattered landscape is lit up by a magnesium flare or Very light,

which hangs suspended before it sizzles out at our feet. We remain as though petrified until we are protected again by the darkness.

Still on our hands and knees, we take a firmer grip of our rifles. Twelve yards to go. No spoken orders can be given. Silently we wait for our officer's hand signal. We each draw a Mills bomb, pull the safety pin, lob it in . . . Jump up, and clamber down into the German trench. Two of us guard, with fixed bayonets and hand ready on a Mills bomb, the boys at either end of the trench.

In a second the officer, the sergeant, and two men rush to the entrance of a dug-out. The officer gives a sharp order to the Germans

who have taken shelter in the dug-out. They quickly surrender; they know that refusal would mean that a hand grenade would be whizzed into the dug-out and . . .

The prisoners are trooped out in single file—maybe with the aid of a gentle prod from a bayonet—and back across no-man's-land to our lines.

Rifle fire, machine-gun fire, artillery fire—mastering the SOS from the German front line—make the trip back—well, hazardous.

No. 2—The silent raid

Three or four of you go out, find a German standing in a trench, grab him by the shoulders, clap a hand over his mouth, drag him out of the trench, and whisk him off without a word. Back "home" to the same sort of artillery orchestra as on the other kind of raid.

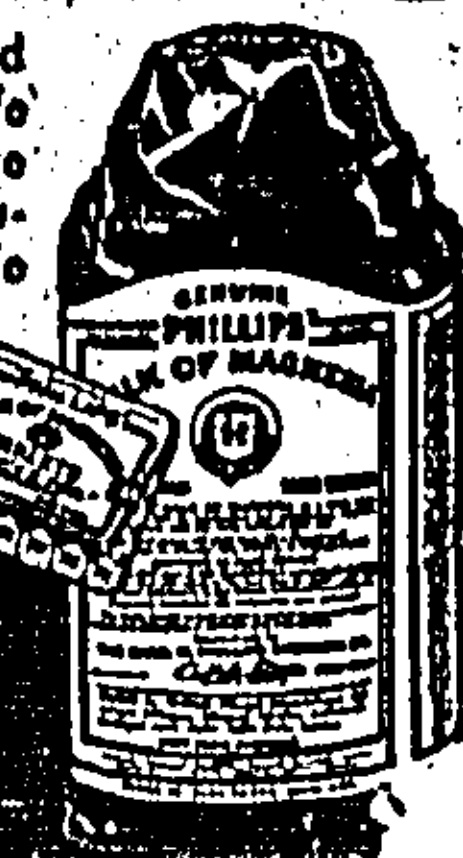
And next morning you read in "Orders": "Another quiet night on the Western Front."

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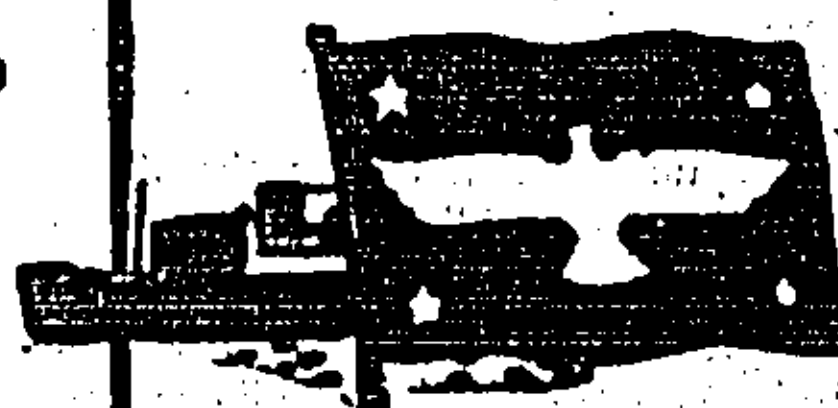
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Sir Neville Henderson

INSTALMENT II

YESTERDAY, Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, told how the Czech-German quarrel reached its zenith in September, 1938, and how war was averted at the eleventh hour.

TO-DAY he deals with the Munich Agreement . . . and Hitler's chagrin after that historic treaty.

THE meeting of the four statesmen at the new Brown House at Munich began at 1.30 p.m. on September 29. Mussolini had arrived by train from Rome, and Daladier by air from Paris, shortly before the Prime Minister. All three were enthusiastically acclaimed by the German people who filled the streets.

Their discussions ended thirteen hours later at 2.30 on the Friday morning. At no stage of the conversations did they become heated.

The presence of Mussolini acted as a brake on Hitler, and the fact that the former had tactfully put forward as his own a combination of Hitler's and the Anglo-French proposals, thereby defeating the intention of Ribbentrop, who was anxious to put forward a scheme of his own, made general agreement easier all round.

It was largely the necessity for translation into three languages, English, French, and German, which, together with the difficulties of hasty drafting, delayed the conclusion. Mussolini was the only one of the four statesmen who could speak and understand all three languages. The final agreement was reached substantially on the lines of the Goebbels memorandum, as modified by the final Anglo-French plan.

Germany thus incorporated the Sudeten lands in the Reich without bloodshed and without firing a shot. But she had not got all that Hitler wanted and which she would have got if the arbitration had been left to war—namely, the strategic frontier which so many Germans desired.

Goering's promise

Czecho-Slovakia had lost—and a bit more territories which it would probably have been wiser not to have included at Versailles in the Czech State, and which could never, except on the basis of federation, have remained permanently there.

I left Munich before the Prime Minister had his final meeting alone with Hitler, and drew up and signed the Anglo-German declaration of September 30.

Early that morning the French and Italian Ambassadors, together with the German State Secretary and myself, flew back to Berlin, and the first meeting of the International Commission set up under the Munich Agreement was actually held the same afternoon at 5.30.

Its meetings constituted the final scene of the second act of the drama.

The tasks delegated to the Ambassadors were ungrateful in principle and most distasteful in detail. I had made up my mind before the first meeting began that the best hope for Czecho-Slovakia lay in direct negotiation, where possible, with Germany, and that plebiscites, which could only lead to trouble, should be avoided at all cost.

I did my best to ensure both those objectives. I saw Goering, and secured an assurance from him that Germany would not be uncooperative, if the Czech Government frankly sought co-operation with, rather than antagonism to, Germany.

I arranged a meeting between the Field Marshal and the Czech delegate on the Commission, Monsieur Masaryk, who was also the Czech Minister at Berlin and with whom I had maintained throughout the crisis the friendliest relations.

From the moment that Benes resigned, the position became easier, though the Germans, as usual, did little to modify their demands or to honour Goering's promise to be generous.

I left Berlin as soon as was practicable after the conclusion of the work of the International Commission.

I had, of course, the utmost misgivings as to Hitler's good faith and the honesty of his ultimate intentions towards the Czechs.

But a Government had assumed power at Prague, which sincerely sought co-operation with Germany, and since Hitler had got the

HITLER disobeys his "VOICE"



Mr. Neville Chamberlain returning to England from the famous Munich Conference.



Last head of the old Germany, President von Hindenburg (centre) reluctantly calls on Hitler to form a Government. Goering, trusted by both Army and Nazis, is the man who brought them together. Hitler still wears a top-hat and striped trousers. But soon Hindenburg will be dead, Hitler will be the Führer in uniform, and Goering will be at his right hand.

Sudeten, which he had solemnly assured Mr. Chamberlain was his sole object, it was still permissible at least to hope that he might treat a friendly disposed Czech Government with some generosity and fairness.

Nevertheless, I left for England about the middle of October thoroughly disheartened, and if I had been a free agent I would never have returned to Berlin.

The Hitlerian methods had been too much in evidence recently for me to feel otherwise than disgusted.

Nazis go back to barbarism

Moreover, I was a sick man and had been for some months past. Within a couple of weeks I was operated upon in a nursing home and for four months altogether I remained completely out of everything.

That in itself was a minor disaster. I am not presuming to suggest that anything might have been altered by my presence at Berlin.

But four months were too long to be absent from Germany in the dynamic state through which she was passing, and in view of the appetites which had been whetted by the inclusion of ten million Austrian and Sudeten Germans in the Reich.

Furthermore, events occurred during that interval which had a considerable bearing upon subsequent developments. One of these was the organised persecution of the Jews which took place in November.

In revenge for the murder by a young unbalanced Jew of a German diplomat in Paris, squads of German hoodlums reverted to the barbarism of the Middle Ages and indulged in an orgy of violent

His resentment over "Munich"

egging him on to fight England while the latter was still militarily unprepared.

Hitler turns to extremists

They reproached him for having accepted the Munich settlement, and thus having missed the most favourable opportunity.

An uneasy feeling—lest they might have been right contributed to Hitler's ill-humour.

Nor was Munich in itself an agreeable experience for him. He found himself there for once in the company of three men who were his equals, instead of being surrounded by sycophants obedient to his slightest gesture.

The experience confirmed his dislike for settlement by negotiation.

Moreover, the evident popularity of Mr. Chamberlain with the German people not only detracted from his own personal prestige, but also gave him food for uneasy reflection.

He could dragon his people and they would always follow him; but could he count on their willing devotion in all circumstances?

It was the first unpleasant rift between him and his people, and it was the peace efforts of Mr. Chamberlain which had started it. It is certainly a fact that, after Munich, he showed considerable ill-will towards those who had argued with him against pushing things to extremes.

His Voice had told him that there would be no general war, or that, even if there were, there could be no more propitious moment for it than that October, and for once he had been obliged to disregard that Voice and to listen to counsels of prudence.

After Munich, those whom he regarded as the faint-hearts in Germany, beginning with Goering and passing through many strata of the Party and of the Government officials, fell from grace.

Heil Jekyll and Hyde!

On the other hand, this uneasy reflection was the main cause of the rise to favour of the Ribbentrops and Himmlers, and of his subsequent measures for the reinforcement of the Party vis-à-vis the Army, which had also been anti-war.

But it was his own faint-heartedness which probably infuriated him more than anything else; for the first time he had failed to obey his Voice.

For me, Hitler was a sort of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

To begin with, he may not have been more than a visionary, or a genius or a practical dreamer, with a sublime faith in himself and in his mission to reinstate Germany in her former position among the nations.

"Mein Kampf" shows that he was naturally endowed with a highly developed political sense, but it is unlikely that his original ambitions were as wide as they subsequently became.

Self before country

His initial aspiration may well have been to become Chancellor of Germany, to complete her unity by means of the incorporation of Austria, his own motherland, as a first objective, and to restore to Germany her self-respect and prosperity.

The interesting point to elucidate would be when he ceased to be Jekyll and became Hyde.

It was probably a matter of gradual evolution. Dictators, having achieved absolutism, lose their sense of proportion.

Each success leads to ever expanding aims, while their insatiable desire for their own permanence drives them in the end to put self before their country, and to adventure as the sole means of maintaining their hold.

So it was with Napoleon, and so it seems to me to have been with Hitler. The Chancellorship, the unity and prosperity of Germany were, in the end, not enough.

His flatterers described him as the successor of Frederick the

Great and Bismarck, and, as time went on, he felt himself called upon to emulate their military victories as well as their other constructive achievements.

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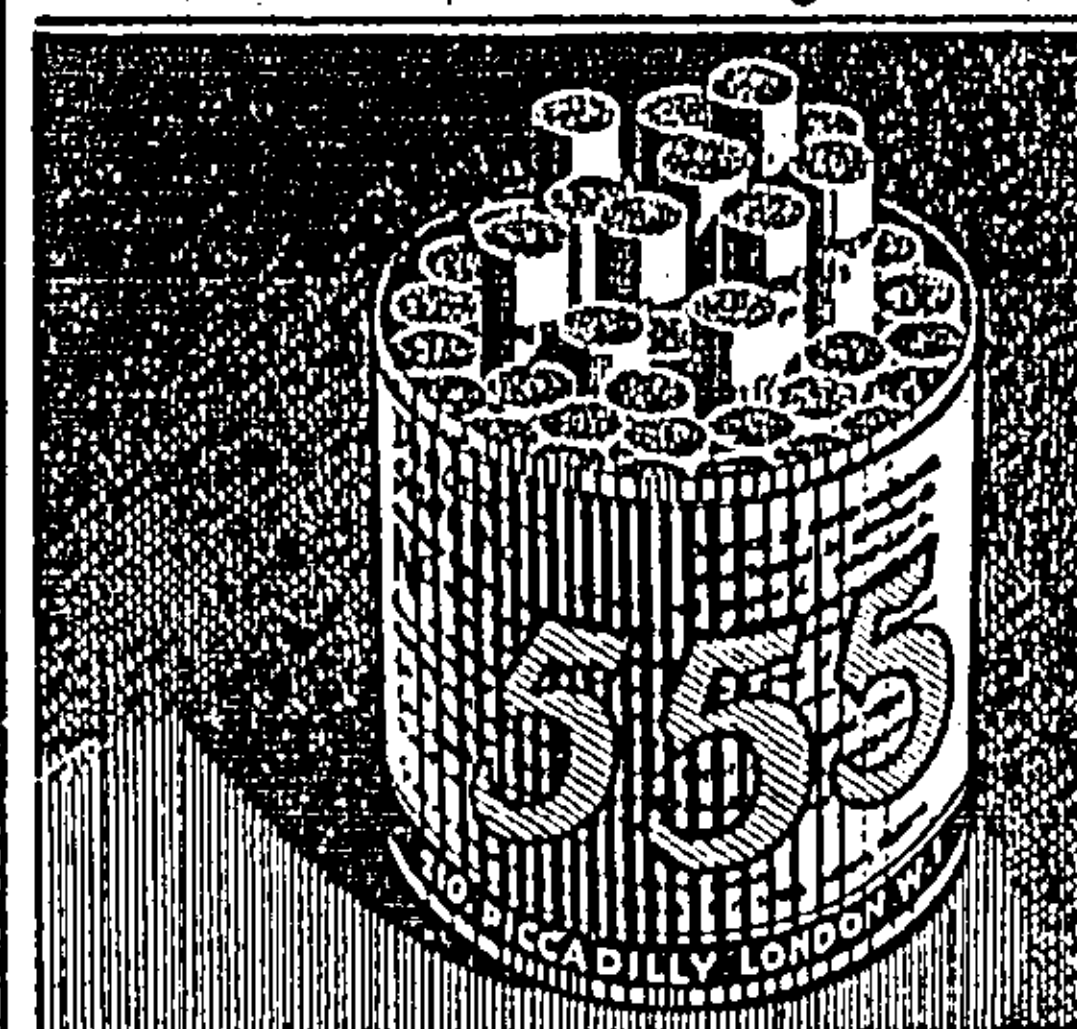


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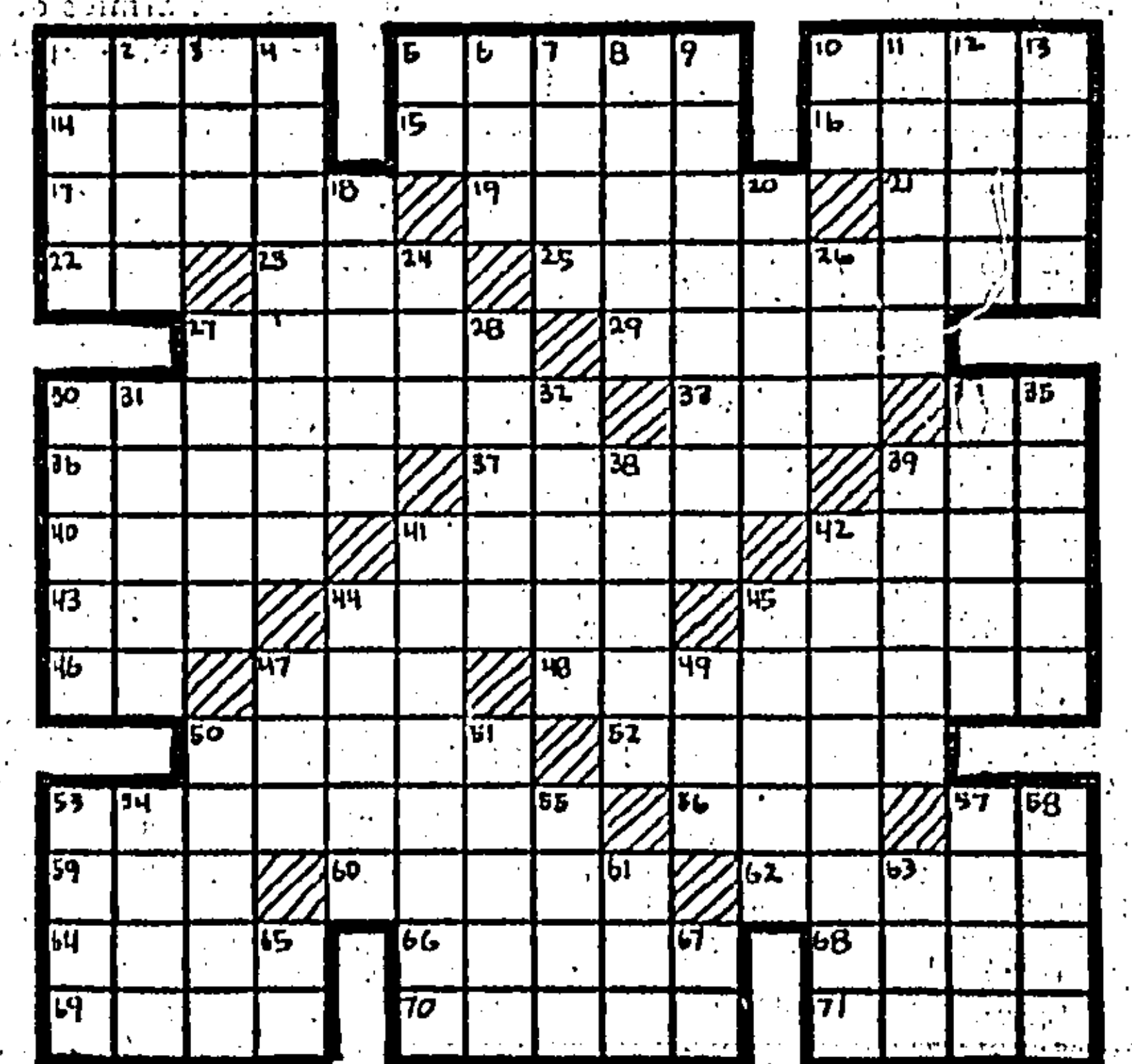
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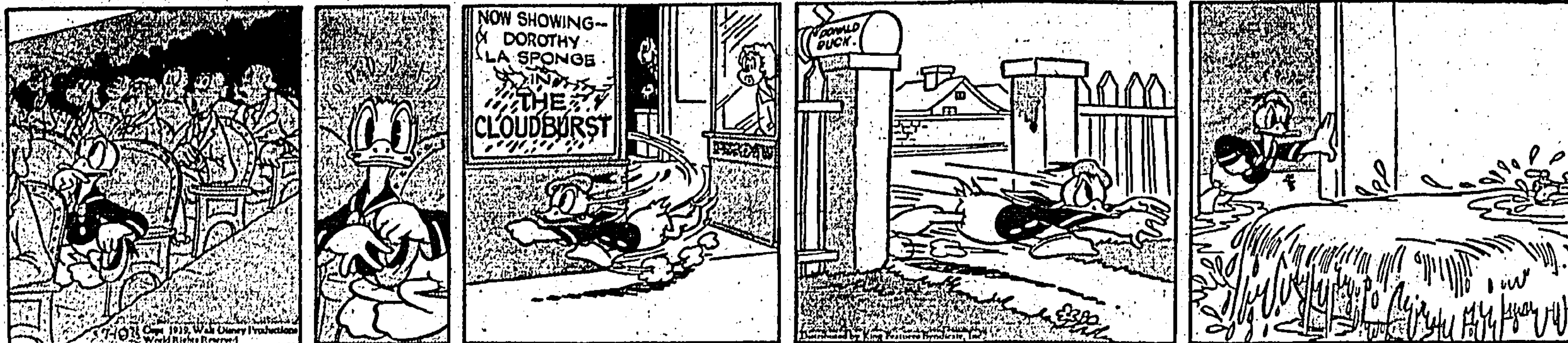
- 1—Summit in any way
- 2—English air-raid (clue word)
- 3—Superficial extent
- 4—Kind of fruit
- 5—Half-English brown
- 6—Unsound fact
- 7—Self-esteem
- 8—Fuel used in Diesel engines
- 9—South latitude
- 10—Source of light before electricity
- 11—State of refinement and grace
- 12—Violent pang
- 13—Promote welfare of
- 14—Act of simulation
- 15—Editor of "Children"
- 16—Degree given for graduate work
- 17—Spinning stone
- 18—Mixture of ball and stick
- 19—Strike gently
- 20—Country
- 21—One of diabolical spirits
- 22—Put in accord with
- 23—Not subject to
- 24—Dull
- 25—Like home
- 26—Exclamation of hesitation
- 27—Duration of period
- 28—Communication by
- 29—Bouncing slap
- 30—Violent anger (pl.)
- 31—Swedish family of use
- 32—Obtain

DOWN

- 1—Vulgar fellows (col.)
- 2—Sea in Russia
- 3—Permit
- 4—Expression of
- 5—River in Italy
- 6—High mountain
- 7—Faint
- 8—Wicked deeds
- 9—Purchased back
- 10—That is (abbr.)
- 11—Decided estimate
- 12—Medieval Scandinavian explorer
- 13—Straight-edge
- 14—Female horse
- 15—State descendant
- 16—Salutation to Virgin
- 17—Twist
- 18—Deduce
- 19—Common instrument of communication (col.)
- 20—Wanderer
- 21—Choose by ballot
- 22—Spiritual nourishment
- 23—Vaporized moisture
- 24—Sound
- 25—Sounds of complicated tale
- 26—Direct
- 27—At same time
- 28—Belie
- 29—Habit and line, as hair
- 30—Ostrich-like bird
- 31—Delay
- 32—Twenty
- 33—Hair look of
- 34—Goose
- 35—Third bone (abbr.)
- 36—Pencil horse
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German Navy Disaster Alters Entire Balance Of Power

LONDON, May 3 (Reuter).—Continuing his statement on operations in Norway in the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain said that in just over three weeks the German naval losses amounted to a serious figure.

They included two capital ships damaged, certainly three or four cruisers sunk, 11 destroyers sunk, five U-boats sunk and 30 transports and store-ships sunk or scuttled.

The losses sustained by the Royal Navy in the same period were four destroyers, three submarines, a sloop and five trawlers. Five other warships were damaged by air attack and one store ship sunk by a U-boat torpedo.

It would seem from these figures, he said, that whereas the strength and efficiency of the Royal Navy had been little, if at all, affected, the injury to the German Navy had been so substantial as to alter the entire balance of naval power and to permit the important redistribution of the main Allied fleets.

"In this connection," he continued, "I might mention that it has been thought possible to divert the more normal distribution of ships in the Mediterranean which for some time has been affected by our requirements in the North Sea.

"The British and French battle fleet with cruisers and auxiliary craft is already in the eastern basin of the Mediterranean on its way to Alexandria."

Nazis Lose Thousands
 Turning to the Norwegian campaign, Mr. Chamberlain said that the German losses amounted to many thousands.

"It is far too soon to strike the Norwegian balance sheet yet," he said, "for the campaign has merely concluded a single phase in which it is safe to say that if we have not achieved our objective neither have the Germans achieved theirs. Their losses are far greater than ours."

"But I would take this opportunity of addressing a warning both to this House and to the country.
Not A Sideshow
 "We have no intention of allowing Norway to become a sideshow but neither are we going to be trapped into such a dispersal of our forces as would leave us dangerously weak at the vital centres."

"We know that our enemy holds the central position. They have immense forces always mounted ready for attack and an attack can be launched with lightning rapidity in any one of the many fields."

"We know that they are prepared and would not scruple to invade Holland or Belgium or both."

"Or it may be that their savage hordes will be hurled against their innocent neighbours in south-east Europe."

May Attack England
 "They might well do more than one of these things—attempt a large scale attack on the Western Front or attempt a lightning swoop on this country."

"It would be foolish indeed to reveal to the enemy our conception of the strategy which is best calculated to secure their defeat."

"But this can be said—for it is obvious—that we must not so disperse our forces as to weaken our freedom of action in vital emergencies which may at any moment arise."

"We must seize every chance as we have done and shall continue to do in Norway to inflict damage upon the enemy. But we must not allow ourselves to forget that a long term of strategy will win the war."

"Let me repeat that what I have said is only an interim statement. "Certain operations are in progress and we must do nothing which might jeopardise the lives of those engaged in them."

Discussion Postponed
 LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—Both Mr. C. R. Attlee (Leader of the Labour Opposition) and Sir Archibald Sinclair (Leader of the Liberal Opposition) agreed that it was inadvisable to have a discussion to-day, and Mr. Chamberlain then announced that next Tuesday there would be a further statement and discussion on the war situation.

Statement In Lords
 LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords to-day Lord Hankey made a statement on the war situation similar to Mr. Chamberlain's in the House of Commons.

Lord Snell (Labour) said that he would comply with the Government's request not to debate the statement, but at the same time they, as a party, were far from happy concerning certain events and the preparations made to deal with them.

In Any Case, Why Insult The Poor Beasts?

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—Amidst the welter of war news, crisis news and tension news, an item of sporting news appears which forms some comic relief. The Nazi chief of the trotting flat racing has given a warning that race horses must not be named Adolf, Hermann or Ribbentrop.

He also announces that only names considered to be in good taste by the racing authorities may be used.

It has been suggested that this is due to a fear that one day a horse Adolf or Hermann might be allowed to come home among the also-rans.

Nazi Coal For Italy

ROME, May 2 (Reuter).—The Minister of Communications, Signor Venturi, writing to Signor Mussolini states that the efforts to meet Italy's entire demand for foreign coal by imports from Germany, following Britain's embargo on sea-borne traffic, has met virtually with complete success.

The letter says that the programme called for a monthly delivery of 1,000,000 tons and during April Italy received 980,000 tons.

BRITISH PLEDGE RENEWED To Fight On Until Norway Is Free

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—A further pledge that Britain will fight until the freedom of the Norwegian people has been restored was given in a speech yesterday by Sir Kingsley Wood, Lord Privy Seal.

Ribbentrop's explanation of the German attack on Norway decided no one, he said.

Referring to the forces gathering in the near Middle East, he said that these were not a menace to anyone.

They were there for whatever duty they might be called on to face and their presence, he said, would fortify our good friends in Egypt and Turkey.

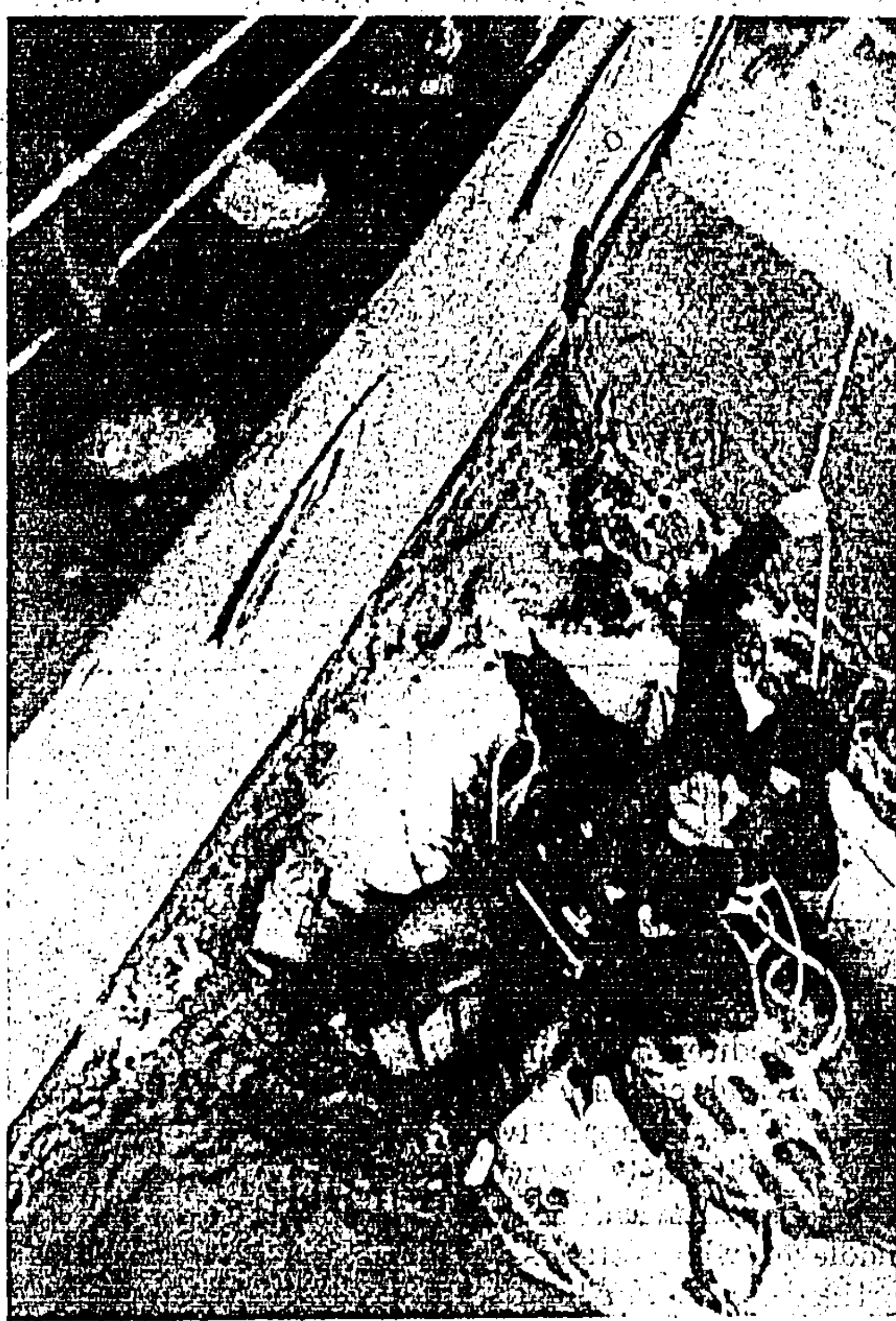
FRENCH PROTEST TO JAPAN

PARIS, May 2 (UP).—It is officially announced that the French Ambassador to Tokyo has protested to the Japanese Foreign Office against the Japanese bombing of the Yunnan railway on April 28 and 30.

UNITED STATES AND GREENLAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
 COPENHAGEN, May 2 (UP).—In connection with Washington reports that United States consuls are being sent to Greenland, the Official Danish News Agency to-day reports that the Danish Government is considering sending a Commission of experts to the United States "to take care of Danish interests in Greenland."

DRAMATIC RESCUE OF U-BOAT CREW



MEMBERS OF A German submarine crew alongside one of H.M. warships in their rubber boat, launched when their U-boat was sunk. In saving those men, the Royal Navy provide an object lesson to the Nazis which they could well take to heart.—Copyright.

Trade Pact Negotiations

Soviet Response To British Note

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, in reply to Mr. C. R. Attlee, said that a reply had been received from the Soviet Government regarding the trade agreement.

This reply, he said, while not making any concrete proposals, indicated the general attitude of the Soviet Government.

It was being given the most careful consideration by the departments concerned with a view to discovering any way in which a trade agreement could be reached taking into account the war situation.

Swedish-Soviet Talks
 PARIS, May 2 (Reuter).—According to a despatch from Stockholm, the economic negotiations which Sweden has begun with the Soviet are regarded as important "in some quarters."

The exchanges under consideration would amount to about £6,000,000. Sweden is anxious to receive in exchange for machinery such products as petroleum and metals which she can no longer obtain from Germany or the Allies.

Sweden is also being solicited by Germany. It is stated that envoys from Berlin have already reached Stockholm and have begun negotiations apparently aiming at soothing the apprehensions of the Swedish government and the people.

Admiral Stark's Warning U.S. Naval Strength May Be Insufficient

WASHINGTON, May 2 (Reuter).—Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, informed to-day that the present United States naval strength might not be sufficient to protect the country in future.

He declared that the minimum requirement for self-reliance and self-defence was to keep up the fleet to the 5-6-3 ratio of the Washington Treaty.

Admiral Stark spoke after the Chamber had called for a faster United States armament on a "Pay as We Go" basis.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

The House of Commons has read the Deceased Wife's Sisters' Bill a second time.

Mr. Percival Spencer, the well known aeronaut and parachutist, arrived in Singapore on the ship "Wing Sing" from Calcutta and says the "Free Press" intends during his stay to give one of the most sensational performances which have caused such a sensation among the hundreds of thousands of spectators who have witnessed them during the Indian tour.

We are informed that Mr. Spencer will also give balloon ascent and parachute descent at Batavia and other Dutch towns, Hongkong, Shanghai and Nagasaki.

The desire of course being that the places visited have facilities for supplying the gas required to inflate the balloon, although if necessary Mr. Spencer is prepared to manufacture the necessary supplies of hydrogen in the absence of a gas company.

A common notion, which seems to be upset by the success of parachuting, is that a fall through air of a hundred feet or so is necessarily fatal. Leaps of suicides from lofty bridges have been supposed to kill before the body reached the ground. There can no longer be the slightest doubt, according to Mr. Spencer, upon this point.

On the other day, he dropped between 200 and 300 feet before the parachute opened, and this drove him to all intents and purposes to the ground. Were there anything in the old theory, the results in such a case would be awful.

25 YEARS AGO

According to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent the Kaiser and Prince of Prussia, have inspected the Antwerp fortifications, harbour and submarine base. Both looked well, but older. The visit was kept secret for fear of any attempt on the Kaiser's life.

10 YEARS AGO

Against Worcestershire to-day the Australians piled up a total of 412 runs for their first innings, the innings being marked by the display of D. Bradman, of New South Wales, who scored 221 runs.

Wide interest has been shown, not only in Kowloon but also in other parts of the Colony, in the arrangements being made to welcome the new Governor on the occasion of his arrival.

It is the first time in the history of Hong Kong that such a celebration has taken place and the event will mark another stage in the progress of Kowloon.

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday received notice of an extraordinary general meeting to be held in the Club house on Friday, May 3, when several important proposals will be discussed, including the building of a new Club house at a total cost of £60,000.

5 YEARS AGO

The entire British nation, as represented by the political leaders in the House of Commons, yesterday condemned the attitude and policy of the German Government with respect to armaments and peace.

Sir Austen Chamberlain brought the House cheering to its feet when he said: "If Germany would join the family of nations and if instead of seeking to persuade she means to extort or impose, she would for once give up her path, and with this country that great free commonwealth which centres around it, and the world at large, that once again will be her master."

General military conscription will come into force in Germany on October 1. The plan, according to authoritative circles in this country, is to conscript all young men called up, but there will be voluntary schemes of service in special units, such as the Air Force and the motorized sections of the army, which require more elaborate training.

General Goering, Premier of Prussia, in an address to-day declared that Germany was prepared, and sufficiently strong, to meet an attack from any quarter. There was no longer any use in talking about equality of armaments in the air; that equality had been attained.

General Goering wound up by saying that Germany has done something decisive for peace. He has "rearm."

Ligue of Nations circles to-day welcomed the signature of the Franco-Soviet Pact of mutual assistance in the event of aggression occurring against either state. It is felt that the treaty is within the compass of the League Covenant and is calculated to strengthen the system of collective security.

KING AND QUEEN CONTINUE TOUR

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—Continuing their tour of south Lancashire, Their Majesties the King and Queen to-day visited more armament factories where they saw tanks at all stages of construction.

They later watched one tank being put through a test run.

They spent Wednesday night at the Hotel Royal which is situated on the shores of Lake Windermere.

STOCK EXCHANGE BRIGHTER

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange was brighter and more active to-day owing to large investment interest.

Gilt-edged holdings advanced steadily and oils recovered after yesterday's depression. Industrials were irregular though showing numerous gains.

Gold-mining securities were steady. Wall Street was firm.

Exchange At A Glance

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4 m/s France	1/140
30 d/s India	1/84
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.024
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.48 1/2

Japan And The European War

Enduring Policy Of Non-Involvement

TOKYO, May 2 (Reuter).—Japan's determination to maintain her policy of non-involvement in the European war was emphasized by the Prime Minister, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, in a speech to a conference of local governors to-day.

Admiral Yonai added: "Simultaneously we are paying close attention to the effects of the European war on East Asia, and we are taking appropriate steps whenever they are necessary. In such an international situation we must be fully prepared to face great difficulties both at home and abroad in fulfilling the great mission of building up a new order in East Asia."

BELGIUM ABLE TO DEFEND HERSELF

BRUSSELS, May 2 (Reuter).—"We can hope that the war will be spared us since the Belgium of 1940 is not the Belgium of 1914," declared M. Spaak in a speech at Antwerp to-day.

"We are able to defend ourselves. Our strong army and strong country considerably increase the strength of our defensive system," he concluded.

No German Patrol Ships In Danube

SOFIA, May 2 (Reuter).—The Bulgarian telegraph agency is officially authorised to deny that German patrol vessels disguised as barges have anchored at Rusechuk.

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—Her Majesty the Queen has sent 70 articles of clothing, including socks and pyjamas, to the Prisoners of War Department of the Red Cross.

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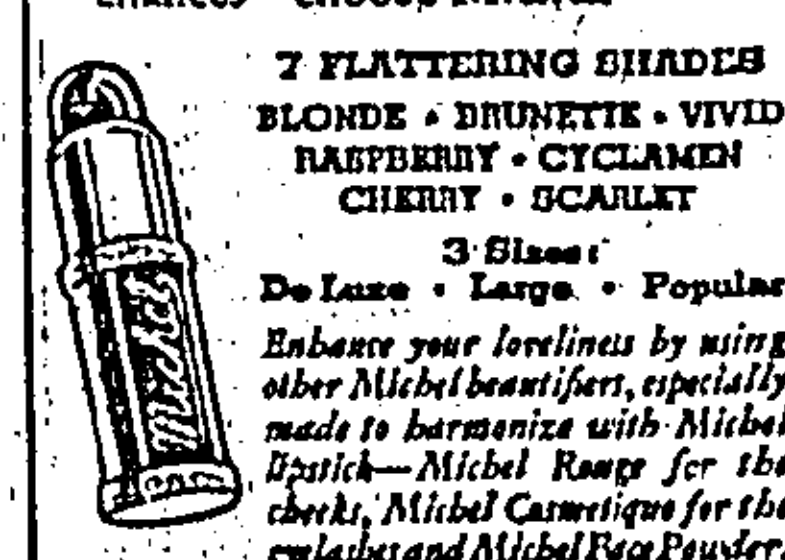
In order to continue its work, the Society appeals for the balance of \$23,000 before the close of the financial year on 31st October. A copy of the Annual Report for 1939 may be obtained from:

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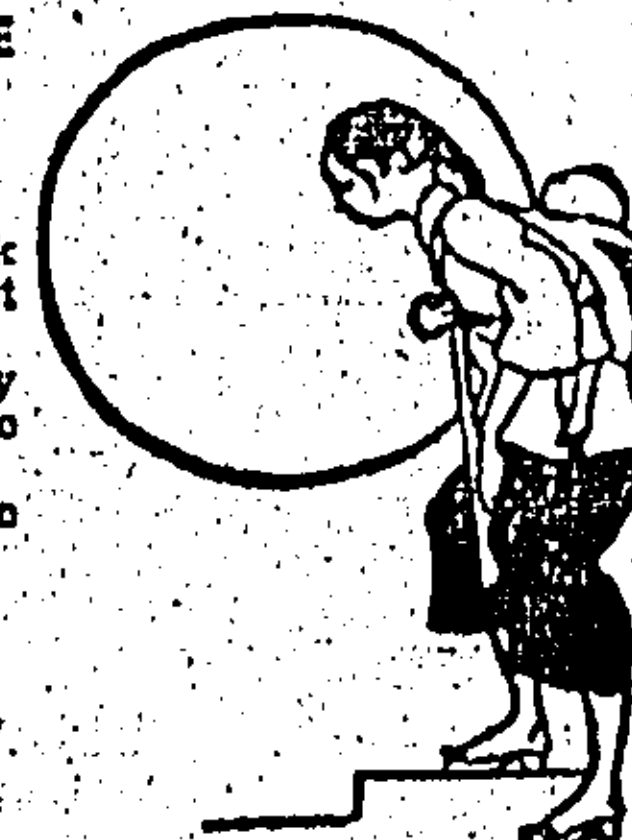
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Woodring To Give Up Office

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
 WASHINGTON, May 2 (UP).—Mr. Harry Woodring, Secretary of War, said he is leaving the Cabinet next January regardless of whether or not President Roosevelt will for a third term.

He said the decision is purely for personal reasons.



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Friendly Spain

Amid the din of totalitarian boasts and the welter of diplomatic offensives, the significance of the trade agreement between Britain and Spain should not be lost sight of.

For many months Spain in her domestic travail occupied the centre of the European picture.

Many believed that she would be one of the main battlefields of the next Great War.

She has been spared that fate, and is quietly getting on with the tasks of reconstruction, anxious only to cultivate the arts of peace.

The main purpose of the agreement with Britain is to re-establish the trade relations that obtained before the civil war.

This is assuredly as much in Spain's interest as in Britain's; for a long time we have been one of her best customers. Full details of the treaty are not yet available, but it is expected that they will reveal substantial advantages also to this country.

General Franco has not shown a disposition to complicate commercial questions with international politics.

In any case, it is probable that the course of events in the last eight months has brought him nearer to the democracies' point of view than to that of Germany.

Hitler's pact with Bolshevism was a severe shock to Madrid—as to Rome.

TROOPS, STUFF FOR USE OF

THE Expeditionary Force Institutes have received these orders from units in France for the troops' fare:—
Turkeys, 50,000lb. | Pork, 50,000lb.
Grease, 1,000lb. | Sprouts, 6,000lb.
Chickens, 700lb. | Potatoes, 20 tons.

For dessert these items will be needed: nuts, 27,000lb.; apples, 60,000lb.; dates, 1,500 boxes; oranges, 105,000; bananas, 20,000.



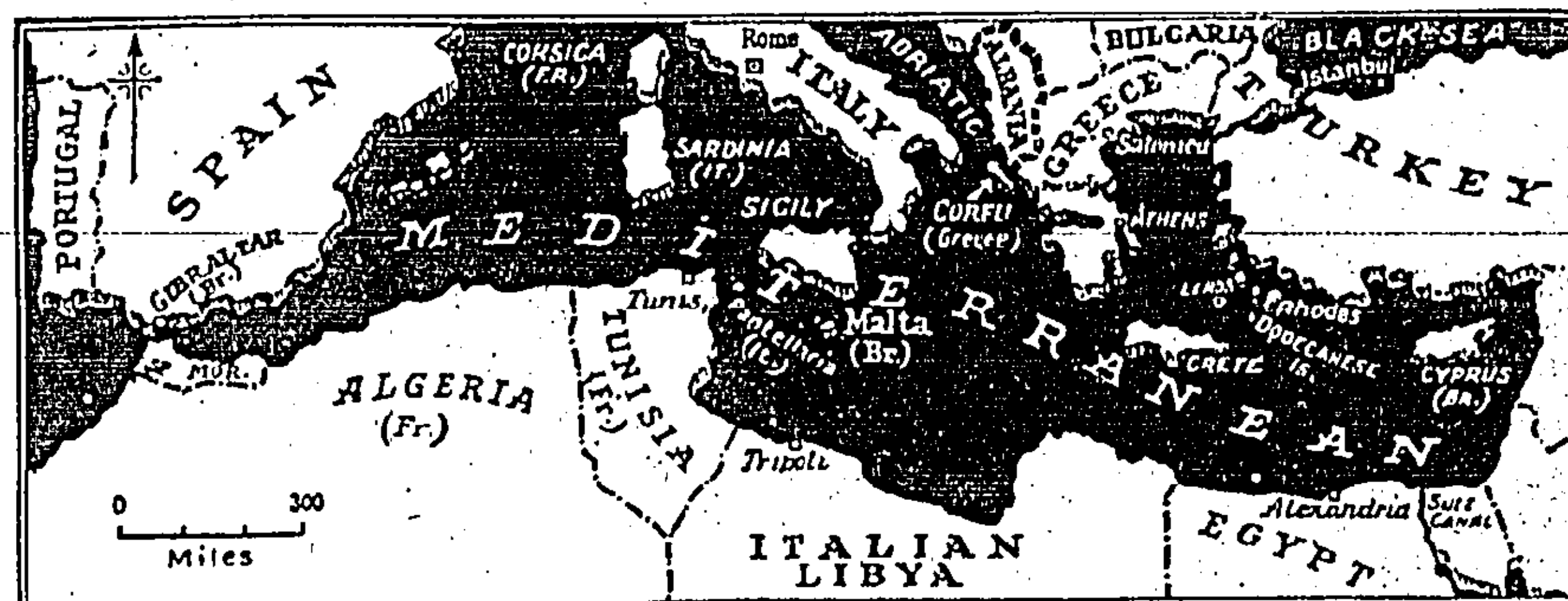
—Strube in the "Daily Express"

The Mediterranean Situation

The British Government has ordered shipping normally using the Mediterranean route to divert to the Cape. This article explains, very simply, just what are the present problems and anxieties of the Admiralty in the inland sea.

Commander
by **Russell Grenfell**

formerly on the staff of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and an acknowledged authority on naval strategy.



This need not mean that the fortress would be lost. On the contrary, there is every reason to think that it would be a very hard nut to crack.

The only land approach is over a narrow and perfectly flat sandy neck, entirely overlooked by observers on the Rock.

As a defensive position, Gibraltar is exceedingly strong, and the galleries, tunnels, magazines and shelters cut deep into the rock give it many points of resemblance to the alcazar at Toledo, which Spaniards should be the first to appreciate.

Malta is not very differently placed to Gibraltar. True, it is an island, but it is only 40 odd miles from Sicily and is therefore exposed to air attack in war to an extent that would probably prohibit its use as a naval base.

That, at all events, was the opinion silently expressed by the Mediterranean Fleet on the occasion of the crises of 1935 and 1938, when it evacuated Malta and went to Alexandria. But evacuation does not necessarily imply capture. An Italian landing would be a difficult and hazardous operation.

The Italian bases are naturally mostly in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, but Italy has a small base at Tobruk in Libya and a "secret" island base at Leros in the Dodecanese (north-west of Rhodes), where no foreigner is allowed to land. This base is

just as close to the Turkish mainland as Malta is to the Italian, and would presumably, therefore, be just as subject to air attack, should Turkey happen to be on the wrong side, as she probably would.

In the event of a Mediterranean war, the main British defensive commitment would be the maintenance of the shipping route through that sea. If both Italy and Spain were against us, those routes would be chiefly liable to interruption at two places.

One would be at Gibraltar. Although it has often been spoken of with particular concern, this western menace is not the most serious one. Guns overlooking the Straits of Gibraltar could not effectively prevent the passage of merchant ships, still less of warships.

The narrow part of the Straits is so short, and the coasts open out so steeply each side of it, that even a slow ship could pass the dangerous area during the dark hours.

A more serious danger would be an attack from the southern Spanish coast to the eastward of the Straits. This, however, would lack the coordination with other forms of attack which, as we shall see, is to be expected farther east.

The other and more serious danger point is the channel between Sicily and Africa. In that area, ships would be exposed to a concentrated attack by Italian aircraft rendered all the more formidable by the fact that the predominance of the German Air Force in Europe would presumably bestow on the Italians a local superiority over the French in South Mediterranean waters.

Moreover, this air attack could be accompanied by the operations of large numbers of submarines and of

steam and motor torpedo-boats, in all of which small classes of ship the Italians possess a large superiority.

Opinions differ as to whether it would be possible to force a passage for merchant shipping in the face of such opposition, but there is no doubt that to do so would occupy the whole attention, of the British Fleet and seriously hamper its offensive operations.

In view of the extremely promising results to be expected of offensive action, it is, therefore, highly desirable that the Fleet should be freed of the embarrassment of the Mediterranean traffic.

Fortunately, this traffic is not as heavy as many people think. British supplies coming through the Suez Canal average only about 12 per cent. of the total, and for them there is the alternative Cape route.

Trade with countries inside the Mediterranean comes to another 10 per cent. or thereabouts. But the main thing is that there are no British supplies passing Gibraltar that cannot be obtained, if necessary, from elsewhere.

As regards France, the threat to her sea routes with North Africa from a hostile occupation of the Balearic Islands is hardly as bad as is frequently urged.

Those routes can be reached well enough from Italian naval bases in Italy and Sardinia, and the fact that some of the ships might use the Balearic Islands ought not to make very much difference.

Air attack from the islands would also serve to intensify an existing danger, rather than create a new one. Nor should we forget that the Balearic Islands are within comfortable bombing range of both France and North Africa, and might therefore be made nearly as unhealthy as Malta.

When we turn to consider the offensive possibilities of the Anglo-French

combination, the prospects are very satisfactory; always provided that the British Fleet base is reasonably secure.

In the larger classes of warship, and taking the British Mediterranean Fleet at its present strength, the French and British have six battle-ships to the Italians' two, two aircraft carriers to the Italians' none, ten heavy and nine lighter cruisers to the Italians' seven and 18, and 64 destroyers to the Italians' 59, about 30 of the French destroyers being particularly large and powerful ships.

In the face of this combination, Italy is vulnerable indeed. Of her total imports, 85 per cent. are sea-borne, and about 70 per cent. come through either the Suez Canal or the Straits of Gibraltar. Almost certainly the whole of this 85 per cent. could be cut off, and, with them would go the Italian communications with Abyssinia and probably with Libya.

Italy has a particularly long coast line with many important towns on the sea shore. Should it unfortunately happen that air bombing of cities causes a deterioration in warlike conventions, these coast towns would fall on easy prey to warships' guns. If Spain is more self-supporting than Italy, she too, is peculiarly exposed to maritime pressure. With a superior British fleet on her Atlantic coasts, a superior French fleet on her Mediterranean and with France itself making the only other frontier, her trade would be cut off as clean as a whistle.

What could she gain? Possibly Gibraltar. But while Spanish guns were pounding at the Rock, French guns across the Straits would be covering the advance of the French North Africa army into Spanish Morocco. Italian participation in the war seems to offer very little advantage to Italy, though it might be of advantage to Germany.

DEBATE ON WAR

Likely To Take Two Days Next Week

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—Reuter's Parliamentary correspondent learns that the debate in the House of Commons next week on the war will likely extend over Tuesday and Wednesday.

Gossip in the lobbies indicate that the House as a whole has agreed to suspend judgment until Tuesday and no longer.

The cheers which greeted Mr. Chamberlain's declaration that Norway was not to be a side show were the loudest heard all afternoon.

In short, it is clear that the House will have to be thoroughly convinced on Tuesday that whatever steps have been taken by them are justified.

Test For Cabinet

Those closest to the Ministers believe that their statements will carry conviction, though they do not disguise the recognition of the fact that Tuesday may prove a testing time for the Cabinet.

The attitude of the Labour Opposition up to now was reflected in Mr. Attlee's statement that the Labour members would have liked a full discussion on the issues raised. However, the safety of our men must be of paramount consideration.

Labour members do not feel inclined to exploit any situation whether military, naval or political, "if the last named arises from adverse news."

Free Hand For Liberals

The Liberals prefer to retain a free hand.

Should the next week's discussions invade the field of political consequences within the Government, one thing can be taken as certain from the attitude of the House to-day and that is namely, that the purpose of any pressure exerted on the Premier will be for the sole purpose of ensuring the best possible prosecution of the war.

There may be criticism. There is no wavering in the nation's purpose.

Acrimonious Debate Likely

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 2 (UP).—Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons is generally taken to mean that the Allies have withdrawn from the entire region south of Trondheim.

His announcement is expected to lead to an acrimonious debate in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Members privately express the view that the balance sheet unfolded by the Premier has, for the moment, averted any serious defections from the Government.

Nevertheless, it is felt that Mr. Chamberlain is not yet completely out of the woods.

Several prominent Members of Parliament told "United Press" to-day that a storm might blow up now on the Home front if the withdrawal from south of Trondheim were to be followed by a general retirement from the Nammos sector.

Camouflaged Truth

Some critics suggest that, by referring only to the evacuation of Andalsnes, Mr. Chamberlain is camouflaging the true extent of the Allied withdrawal from southern Norway.

On the other hand, satisfaction is clearly evident that the withdrawal, however regrettable, was accomplished without the loss of any British troops.

Although it was largely known in advance, the striking comparison Mr. Chamberlain made between Allied and German naval losses made a profound impression on the House.

Countering Subversion

Home Secretary To Take Measures

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, was questioned with regard to subversive journals and organisations.

The Home Secretary said that an attempt to suppress statements which may be open to objection on the ground that the language used is inaccurate or immoderate would involve very extensive interference with the liberty of the Press.

"What I am considering is a guarded and limited provision to enable action to be taken in serious cases of propaganda deliberately designed to impede national war efforts," he said.

NOT AFRAID OF THE TRUTH

OTTAWA, May 2 (Reuter).—Commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's statement, the "Ottawa Journal" remarks that the British people are not afraid of the truth.

Mr. Chamberlain gave them the truth and while some of it may be unpleasant there was nothing in it to cause dismay, and much to give courage and confidence, the paper

TURKISH TRADE MISSION

ISTANBUL, May 2 (Reuter).—An economic mission is leaving here on Saturday for Bucharest to begin trade negotiations with the Rumanian Government.

POPULAR H.K. MAN BECOMES BRIDEGROOM



The wedding yesterday at St. John's Cathedral of Lieut-Commander J. C. M. Grenham, H.K.N.V.F., and Miss Alice Jones attracted considerable attention, the bridegroom being a popular resident of the Colony. This group photograph was taken after the ceremony, and included in the picture are Miss Barbara Walker, Miss Joan Armstrong, Mrs. R. J. Vennall, Mr. G. C. Perdue, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Lieut-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, and Sub-Lieut. R. Minnett.—Ming Yuen.

FRIML TO COMPOSE SONG PICTURE OF HONGKONG

If you had to translate Hongkong into music what would you make of it? You probably don't know; but Mr. Rudolf Friml, well-known composer, has very definite ideas and disembarked from an American liner this morning to do something about it.

Mr. Friml, who has a world-wide introduction card in the melodies of "Rose Marie" and "The Firefly," is on about his tenth annual trip to the Orient. He intended to pass through Hongkong to Manila, but changed his mind abruptly as the ship neared Hongkong and this morning had a steward hurriedly assembling his luggage for transference to the Repulse Bay Hotel.

Mr. Friml's change of mind will be no surprise to people who know his pro-Hongkong feelings. "I think it is one of the most beautiful places in the world," he declared. "I think I shall do good work here."

The work he has at present in mind is a Round the World Symphony. "In this work," he stated, "each city will have its separate descriptive section and it will embrace such cities as Vienna, Madrid, Bangkok, and, of course, Hongkong."

Musical Picture of Hongkong

"For Hongkong I want to catch in contrasting phrases the busyness of the harbour, with high, light Chinese song in the background," and the dignity of the British life."

Asked if he had yet found a suitable girl to play the leading role in "Sing Song Girl," an operetta of the Orient which he composed some time ago, Mr. Friml said no.

"Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer are interested in this operetta, as well as in 'Katinka' and a revival of my 'Vagabond King,'" he added, "but until they state that they are definitely going to produce 'Sing Song Girl' I am not going to think of inviting anyone to play the lead."

"I should need a Chinese girl who can sing well and also play the Chinese harp, with the accling ability of another Anna May Wong, but I do not believe there is a Chinese girl with a good enough voice to take the high notes. Failing that, I would like Lily Pons to play the lead. She is slim, small, and dark and would make a good Chinese heroine and, with her fine coloratura voice, could manage the difficult music."

Lilo May Be Screened

At Honolulu Mr. Friml received a cable from his Hollywood agent stating: "Have two studios interested in your life story and symphony 'Round the World.' Mr. Friml stated this morning that if his life was screened it would be taken up from the time of his work on 'The Firefly.'"

He revealed that he wrote "The Firefly" with the coloratura soprano Tetrazini in mind. Ultimately it was the dramatic soprano Estrandini who sang it. For Hongkong people, however, "The Firefly" is synonymous with the name of Jeanette MacDonald.

Scraps of scrawled manuscript cluttered up the drawers of his cabin bureau before Mr. Friml left the ship this morning, revealing his habit of hastening to imprison an idea at the moment it catches him—perhaps at a meal, perhaps at the moment of awakening in the morning. A number of these scraps were simply and eloquently labelled "Shanghai!"

However, the best moment of inspiration seems to be after Mass on a Sunday morning. Mr. Friml disclosed. "My mother was a very devout Catholic in Prague. The big body of serious music I have written includes a Mass to her memory, which I have had sung at the Church of the Blessed

3,000 Tins Of Kerosine Confiscated

Three thousand tins of kerosine were confiscated from four junk owners by Mr. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning, when they pleaded guilty to anchoring the kerosine in their junks in Aberdeen harbour, other than at the dangerous goods anchorage.

Ho Chie-fook, 48, had 970 tins in his junk; Chan Din-on, 42, had 800 tins; Li Kwang-ming, 36, had 1,000 tins; and Cheung Yat, 25, married woman, had 230 tins.

They were also fined \$100 or six weeks' hard labour each.

Car Drivers In Court

Europeans Fined For Varied Offences

J. H. Potts, of Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, was fined \$5 by Mr. Sheldon at Central Magistracy this morning for driving a car in Duddell Street which is a closed road, on April 18. Defendant pleaded guilty.

For driving a car without a licence, and parking overtime in the Connaught Road car park on April 17, Philip Harding Kilmanck, of Abernethy Court, was fined \$5 on each summons.

H. J. Tebbut, care of Messrs. Davies, Brook and Gran, was fined \$5 for parking car overtime in the Charter Road car park on April 17. Also appearing in the same Court was the manager of Messrs. Alex Ross and Company, who was summoned for failing to notify the Police of change of ownership of car No. 2852.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Clarke said the car was involved in an accident, and on the Police making enquiries, the car was found to be in the name of a man who had left the Colony. A fine of \$20 was imposed.

Sacrament in Los Angeles, which I regularly attend.

Records His Ideas

Not only on scraps of paper, but on records are Mr. Friml's ideas being jotted down as he goes. He has with him this time a complete portable recording plant. "This allows me," he explained, "to play off snatches that come to me. Each record permits 15 minutes' playing on either side. Afterwards I can transcribe and arrange from the record at my leisure."

"I shall use this plant when I go on to Bali, Batavia, and perhaps India to record the native music at first-hand. This will afterwards help me to compose music suggestive of these places."

The home country of Mr. Friml is Czechoslovakia. The moment in the history of that country that will take its place in the Round the World Symphony is Hitler's march into Prague. The passage is likely to be vehement and protesting, for if there is one subject on which Mr. Friml's hate is as strong as his love for music it is the subject of Hitler.

Philharmonic Soc. Success

Substantial Donation To The B.W.O.F.

The Hongkong Philharmonic Society had to curtail their programme for the season which was arranged in June, 1939, because of the European War, but the annual report of the Society reveals a gain of \$406.27.

The report states that on October 10, 1939, the Committee decided that in spite of the adverse conditions, the first part of the season's programme should be adhered to, and that all profits derived from the productions be donated to the British War Organisation Fund.

"No! No! Nanette" was successfully presented at the Queen's Theatre in December, which resulted in a profit of \$1,100.07 and this amount has been placed at the disposal of the British War Organisation Fund.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held at the Jacobson Room, Hongkong Hotel, on May 8, at 5.30 p.m.

EUROPEAN'S BAG DISAPPEARS

A disappearing trick was successfully worked in front of the Wing Lok Wharf in Connaught Road Central about 5.15 p.m. yesterday.

The victim in this case was Mr. Gratscap, a resident of the Hongkong Hotel, who placed his bag on the ground, and turned round to pay his fare. The bag had disappeared when he turned around again. The clothing and contents in the bag were valued at \$320.

Canton Insurance Co. Dividend

The General Agents and Consulting Committee of The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., will, at the forthcoming Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 22, recommend the payment of a Final Dividend of \$7 per share, in respect of Working Account for 1939, and the transfer of the balance of \$920,070.67 to Underwriting Suspense Account.

They will further recommend that an Interim Dividend of \$5 per share be paid in respect of Working Account for 1939, and that the balance of \$1,038,906.44 be carried forward.

Lessons From European War

WASHINGTON, May 2 (Reuter).—Dramatic changes are being made in the armament of American warplanes as the result of lessons in the European war, it is reported here following a secret report to the Senate Sub-Committee by the Chief of the United States Army Corps.

The changes are said to include the installation of self-sealing petrol tanks, additional armour to protect gunners and larger calibre guns.

BLACK-OUT OFFENCES

Several Residents In Court

A number of Europeans were summoned before Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for offences in the last black-out.

Mrs. D. Kovach of 4 Ashley Road, second floor, was summoned for leaving her light on during the black-out.

Defendant admitted she left her light on and went to the movies. When she arrived home she discovered the light had been kept on and reported the matter, but it was too late.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

Did Not Hear Warning

Mr. T. W. Grinton of 28 Carnarvon Road, first floor, was fined \$5 for a similar offence.

Mr. Grinton said he could not hear the alarm as he had his windows closed, and his curtains and blinds were down. Asked if he had been in the Colony during previous black-out exercises, Mr. Grinton said he had.

Mr. Macfadyen said since he had, he should have taken the necessary precautions.

Mrs. Greenberg, proprietress of the Chardhaven Hotel, was summoned for allowing a light to show five minutes after the sounding of the air raid alarm.

Case Adjourned

Mrs. Greenberg said she thought that the light could be kept on through the duration of the alarm. "As a matter of fact," continued Mrs. Greenberg, "the only possible light showing was from an Air Raid Precaution bulb."

She insisted that she produce a witness in Court to verify her statement.

Mr. Macfadyen adjourned the case. Ho Kwai-hing, manager of Princess Theatre, was cautioned when he was summoned for failing to shade a lamp in the booking office.

It was said the light was not actually shining into the street.

CHINESE STILL HOLD NANCHANG

CHUNGKING, May 3 (Reuter).—A Chinese military spokesman gave a weekly review of the Sino-Japanese military situation at a Press Conference yesterday afternoon.

He claimed that the Japanese counter-offensive in the area west of Nanchang was repulsed. Although the Japanese rushed reinforcements into the area five times, their attempt to capture Chingnan and Fengsin failed.

Both cities are once more in Chinese hands, he said. The Japanese claims that there is heavy fighting in the areas near Hupoh, Hunan and Kiangsi borders were ridiculed by the spokesman, who said that the situation there "was as quiet as in Chungking."

No major operations in the Tungting Lake area were expected. Chinese troops frequently attack Japanese trains on the Canton-Hankow Railway north of the station at Yochow. Major-General Ikeda was killed in one of these attacks, the spokesman added.

Food For Norway's Population

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—Mr. A. T. Lennox-Boyd, Parliamentary Secretary for Home Security, told the House of Commons to-day that the Government was actively considering ensuring that the Norwegian civil population in the areas where British troops are operating are supplied with food.

Young Ministers To Be Retained

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister, asked whether it was his intention to retain in the Government those Ministers under 40 years of age who are fit and eligible for military service, replied in the affirmative.



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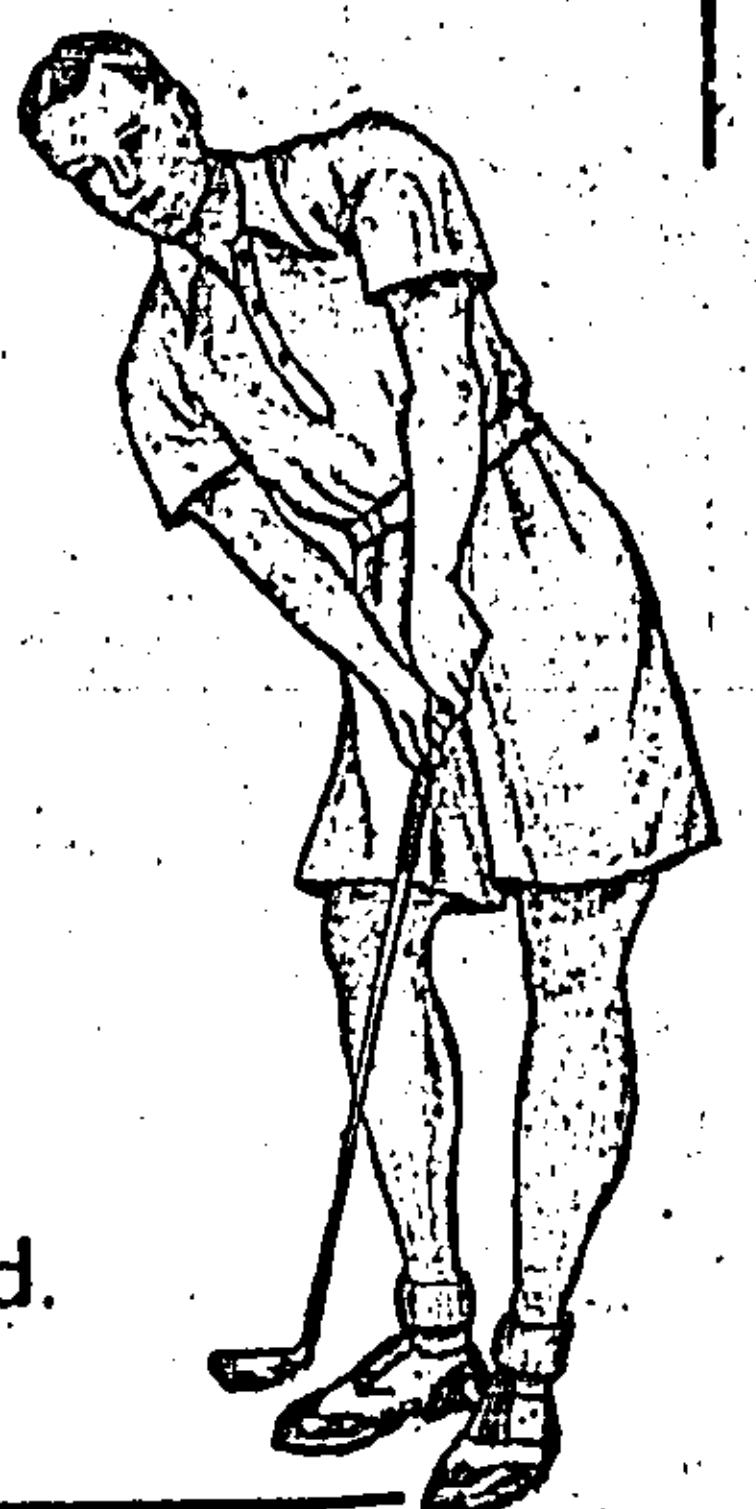
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MAY MEETING AT MACAO

HOW "DARK TIPS" ARE BORN

Trainers And Early Morning Gallops

LATELY it has been quite common to see a "so-so pony" of unknown qualities being made a hot favourite without any justification. I have often heard the question being asked the regular men of the turf, and do not think it is hard to reply. But let us go back to the first chapter of the story to trace the origin of a sudden rise to fame in the pari-mutuel department.

We all know that race ponies must be exercised, but the actual time for galloping is a question that often leads to interesting discussion.

For instance, one trainer would like to have the race-course overseer (Mr. Fiji) set his alarm half an hour before daylight, so that he could be on the course before the "early birds" are awake. The other "gentleman rough rider" wants to use the cinder track when the newspaper clockers are away having their 11 a.m. coffee in town. The majority of the prudent cavaliers work their ponies within half an hour after sunrise.

One must admit that there are no hard and fast rules as far as winning races are concerned. It cannot be proved that the early risers have had more successes than others.

I may be of the old school, but it is my humble opinion that galloping before daybreak should not be encouraged in any way because it leads to a certain degree of abuses in favour of those trainers who make a habit of doing a little quiet business. After all, no one can be interested in the interests of his trainer, and an owner is surely entitled to see the progress of the training, especially the gallop and the finish of the pony in the home stretch.

TRAINERS' REPORTS

I DO not propose to ask owners to take me into their confidence, but it would be advisable for their own good not to put any great faith in his trainer's report that his or her pony had performed a race gallop before the rising of the sun. Our cinder track has never been fitted with floodlights and it would certainly interest any sensible racing fan to know what sort of a telescope was used to see the intermediate distance posts, thus enabling the man-of-the-moment to keep a record of the various quiet fast gallops in the dark are, at most times, highly exaggerated by the trainers for their own ends. A rumour will always find a band of punters trying to nose in for the exact time of the gallop. The "open sesame" has never failed to let the cat out of the bag and yet it was a gallop which

Altered Probables For 2,000 Guineas

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—The following further alterations have been made to the list of probable for the 2,000 Guineas:

Pat Beasley rides Credentia, Brennan rides Drawing Prize, Jones Great Truth and E. Smith Valeraine. Dame Detreffe has scratched.

the trainer did not want to go beyond his master.

Then with usual promise not to radio the news, it is spread so rapidly that before the day was over it becomes the public property.

"DEAD CERTAINTIES"

It would serve no purpose to list in this column a few of the "dead certainties" which did not turn up. The "dark tips" played their game, and left only disappointed backers. Punters, who have made their business to hang around the trainers for information, should know by now that the best gambling is to follow the ranks of those owners who show everything in broad daylight.

We have, before the recess another two extra meetings, to give those who have gone down the sink opportunity to recuperate their losses. The Whitsun Meeting will be two days of racing on May 11 and 12, and the Jockey Club will close their first half season on May 25 with a special dollar cash sweep on the Lanitoo Handicap.

It is interesting to relate that on the first day of the Whitsun Meeting, the Lead Mine Handicap (first and second sections) to be ridden by novices is over the Derby course of 1½ miles, and the Bondi Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies is also over the same distance.

On the second day, the Manly Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies is a distance run over 1½ miles and in addition there are a few 1¼ miles' journeys for the Australian and China ponies of various classes.



Interesting Events Promised to Punters For Sunday's Races

IN VIEW OF THE WHITSUN MEETING being two days of racing at Happy Valley, familiars such as Double Chance, Jack O'Lantern, Talkative and a few others will not be seen in action at the May Race Meeting to be held at Area Protas under the auspices of the Macao Jockey Club on Sunday. Taking everything on the whole the entries have been quite good and a good day's sport is assured.

The opening event will be the Kwan Chap Stakes for China ponies "Y" class, and the run is over the mile course. Meadow Eve was unlucky to be nosed out of third place at the last meeting, and it appeared to me at the time that the heavy going was not to his liking. What weather we are going to have on Sunday is not for me to predict, but judging from the forecast it looks that the track will be firm.

With this in view Meadow Eve should be able to make amends, and furthermore, the grey gelding has a pull of a few pounds. It is not a handicap event, but the assessment on the amount of stakes won is his favour. Fairy Auk and likewise Fairy Ousel may offer a strong challenge, but I am afraid Meadow Eve is well keyed for the fight.

WANCHAI STAKES

Shanghai 4 Carries Heavy Burden

IN THE SHEKKI HANDICAP at the last meeting the handicapper was called upon to frame a list of weights between the "X" and "Y" classes among the China ponies. One would hardly believe that the first two placed ponies in the said contest were the tiny-lots raced a few years ago in Shanghai, and Shanghai 4 won as he liked.

However, the latter has some nice weight to carry in the Wanchai Stakes over a mile, and I doubt very much Shanghai 4 will accept the impost of 170 lbs. assessed on the total of stake money won since January 1.

At this time last year, Eagle was in fine fettle, and should be able to reproduce a bit of the form, the brown should win with Iron Knight and Labour Day to follow in the rear.

MA KOK HANDICAP

Splendid Chance For Radium Star

THE POST OF HONOUR has fallen upon Radium Star in the first section of the Ma Kok Handicap for "E" class China ponies over half mile, and I have reason to believe that the blackie will make the excursion trip.

Final Selections

KWAN CHAP STAKES

Meadow Eve
Fairy Auk
Fairy Ousel

WANCHAI STAKES

Eagle
Iron Knight
Labour Day

MA KOK HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Radium Star
Wild Bear
Popular Star

NAM WAN HANDICAP

Gold Coin
Night View
Golden Cove

MA KOK HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Ma's Adventure
National Anthem
Persian Cat

Whether he is a good sailor I am not in a position to say, but I think that Radium Star is a type of an animal that can stand anything, and the pony has a good sporting chance of presenting his card to the Portuguese Judge.

There does not seem to be any flaw in the assessment of the poundage between Heddon, Popular Star and Wild Bear, and all of them have equal chances.

NAM WAN H'CAP

Battle Between Night View and Gold Coin

WE SHOULD SEE a good field in the Nam Wan Handicap for "D" class China ponies, and no doubt all eyes will be focused on the running of Shanghai 4 against the top notchers from Happy Valley. The sprint is over six furlongs and should the going be heavy, I would suggest a \$5 investment each way on Shanghai 4.

When they clashed in the Hin Wan Cup at the last meeting, Night View (winner) was conceding 8 lbs. to the third pony (Gold Coin), and the distance of beating was not more than a length. On Sunday, Night View has been set to carry an extra load of 8 lbs. and this means that Gold Coin has a pull of 16 lbs. But both these two steeds are subject to fits of the sulks, and they have in the past let the public down for no earthly reason. Of the two I prefer Gold Coin.

Golden Cove had never left the Island for Macao, but with only an impost of 145 lbs. he should give the top-weighters a good run for the money. I cannot say that Dekko is

Kumaon Rifles Win Large Units Hockey Tourney

TWO GOALS from Partaub Singh, brilliant Kumaon and Hongkong left winger, gave the Kumaon Rifles victory over the H.K.S.R.A. in the final of the Large Units Hockey Tournament yesterday at Sookunpoo.

Partaub scored within the first ten minutes of the game from a good pass from the centre. Thereafter followed a considerable amount of mid-field play, and it was only in the closing stages of the game that Partaub added his second goal and put the issue beyond doubt.

Credit must be given to the excellent display by Hansa Dutt and Nawal Singh, the Kumaon's backs, who were time and again instrumental in frustrating the keen attacks of the H.K.S.R.A. forwards.

H.E., the G.O.C., Major-General A. W. Gussitt presented the cup to the winning team at the conclusion of the match.

The teams were:
H.K.S.R.A.—Mohd Fazel, Mohd Yusoff, Ibrahim Singh, Hassan Singh, Abdul Rahman, Soet Mohd, Khuda Bux, Manu Singh, Dalip Singh, Rajah, Khan and Mohd Ali.
Kumaon Rifles—Rora Singh, Quakin Singh, Nawal Singh, Hansa Dutt, Krishna Singh, Lal Singh, Capt. L. J. C. Leach, Sher Singh, Triok Singh, Narain Singh and Partaub Singh.

looking extremely well, and Fel Ying seems to be lacking substance and energy. Matador is trying to win out of his class.

MA KOK HANDICAP (Second Section)

THE HANDICAPPER has assigned seven "E" class China ponies to the second section of the Ma Kok Handicap, and the scramble is over half mile. The sprint should be a fine contest owing to the fact that Dow Jones (after two successes in this section) has been promoted to the senior division, and his absence will undoubtedly stimulate the interest in the betting department.

Although both carried apprentices, the running of New Bedford (second) and Mac's Adventure (third) at the last meeting was a good show, and they have been penalised accordingly. Before the race, Mac's Adventure unseated his jockey, and should he be in the same muddle on Sunday, it will mean that the grey pony is well keyed for the Saturday. At any rate I think his chances are very bright.

It was not to be expected that King's Envoy carrying 165 lbs., and National Anthem with 168 lbs., could put up a decent fight in the Chinshun Handicap run on April 14 on a grass track covered with water. Both have been handicapped to face the barrier with 7 lbs. less and they are dangerous. For a long shot Persian Cat is recommended.

CONSOLATION STAKES

THE LAST EVENT, the Consolation Stakes for "Y" class China ponies, is to be ridden by novices and being post entries, the tipping must be left to readers' discretion.

Baseball Postponed By Weather

NEW YORK, May 2 (UP).—The weather has again proved upset in the Major Baseball programme to-day.

In the National League the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh, the Chicago-Boston and the Brooklyn-Cincinnati games were postponed because of rain.

In the American League the Cleveland-Philadelphia, the Chicago-Boston and the St. Louis-New York games were washed out.

Matches played were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
New York	7	14	2
St. Louis	4	5	0

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	5	8	2
Washington	3	6	0

Baseball League Entries

At a meeting of the Baseball League Clubs yesterday it was decided to close entries on May 14. The first matches will be held on May 16. Entrance fees for teams with commercial names will be \$100 and other teams \$50.

DOUBLES FINAL SHOULD ATTRACT LARGE CROWD

FOLLOWING that great upset in the Tennis Singles Final, there has been considerable speculation as to whether the Rumsdell cousins, S.A. and H.D., can bring off a "double" and beat the Tsui brothers, the holders, in the Doubles Final this afternoon.

However, despite Wednesday's display by Tsui Wai-pul, the odds are still in favour of the holders retaining their title, but there is no estimating what effect S.A. Rumsdell's victory on Wednesday will have on the famed doubles combination to-day. They are still a force to be respected, and who knows, but that a second surprise might be provided.

Excellent Standards At Colony Athletic Meet Yesterday

TIMES AND DISTANCES at the All-Schools Athletic Meet at Caroline Hill yesterday were of an excellent standard. Capt. P. J. Skipwith (R.A.), after being left at the start, clocked the fine figures of 17 seconds for the 110 metres High Hurdles, beating B. S. Wilson, former inter-School champion, by one-tenth of a second. Throwing the discus 118 feet 4½ inches, D. H. Taylor (Police) won the Discus Throw Open to the Colony.

Heung Kat-sang (C.A.A.F.) ran brilliantly in the 800 metres to win by 20 yards from Pte. Manson (R. Scots) in 2 mins. 10.5 secs. Heung ran into a big lead over the first 400 metres, and was never challenged thereafter.

Outstanding performance among the Schools was the 6.8 seconds dash of Miss Xip Kwai-ching over the 50 metres, equalling the China national record for that distance, established by Miss Cheung Kik-king at Nanking in 1934. Miss Xip is in the Chan Kwong Middle School.

The Inter-Schools record for the 100 metres was bettered by Lee Cheung-yin in the Boys' "B" grade heats. He covered the distance in 11.5 seconds—the Schools' record is 11.3 secs.

The meeting continues to-day and ends to-morrow. Yesterday's finals were:

Inter-School Finals
Boys' Shot Putt, C Grade.—1. Yau Suk-pui (Pui Ying); 2. Chan Kwok-wing (Pui Ying); 3. Leung Kwok-ching (Tse King); 4. Yu Kwok-hei (Pui Ying). Distance 11.43 metres.
Girls' Throwing the Baseball, A Grade.—1. Wu Tsoi-fa (Chan Kwong); 2. Teresa Noronha (St. Paul's); 3. Leung Yuet-king (Chan Kwong); 4. Tang Kai-shiu (Chan Kwong). Distance 50 metres.
Boys' High Jump, B Grade.—1. Wen Koi-sing (Wai Yan); 2. Tang Kai-shiu (Pui Ying); 3. Chan Si-fong (Wai Yan); 4. Tse Chin-ping (Pui Ying). Height 1.53 metres.
Boys' Javelin Throw, A Grade.—1. Ng Shuen-chiu (Canton University). Distance 40.68 metres.
Girls' Long Jump, B Grade.—1. Chan Tit-ki; 2. Leung Kwan-kwan; 3. Ling Hau-ming; 4. Au Yeung Wing-yu. Distance 4.04 metres.
Girls' Shot Putt, A Grade.—1. Yip Mo-ching (Fung Lam); 2. Jac Anderson (St. Paul's); 3. Ling Pui-ching (Chan Kwong); 4. Guelida Lee (St. Paul's). Distance 8.07 metres.

Open Event Finals
Men's Discus Throw.—1. D. H. Taylor (Police) 118 feet 4½ inches; 2. Capt. P. J. Skipwith (R.A.) 117 feet 6 inches; 3. Pte. Phillips (30.22 metres); 4. Wong Hu-chong (29.02 metres).
110 Metres High Hurdles.—1. Capt. P. J. Skipwith, R.A.; 2. B. S. Wilson; 3. Norvont Singh. Time 17 secs.
800 Metres.—1. Heung Kat-sang; 2. Pte. Manson (Scots); 3. Koh Man-cheuk. Time 2 mins. 10.5 secs.
1,600 Metres Relay.—1. China Athletic Association; 2. South China Athletic Association. Time 4 mins. 45 secs.
Women's 200 Metres.—1. June Hall; 2. Irene Lopes. Time 22.0/10 secs.
Finalists in the 100 metres open are A. Leonard, winner of the first heat in 11.5 sec., J. Odell, Sung Fui, Cheung Nai-sing, winner of the second heat in 11.8 secs., Sig. L. Parry, Hui Ping-yeung.

Referees' Assn. Whist Drive

THE THIRD monthly Whist Drive of the Hongkong Referees' Association will be held in the Hotel Cecil to-morrow at 8.30 p.m. Excellent prizes have been presented by the China Emporium.
Messrs. C. E. Ford and Nottall will again be M.C.s.
It is hoped to run these Whist Drives throughout the year. Tickets are \$1 each, and can be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Smith, from any Football Referee, or at the door.

Charity Soccer Match

Navy To Meet Eastern At Causoway Bay

AN INTERESTING charity football match will take place on Sunday, at Causoway Bay, when Royal Navy, who completed their fixture as top Service team in the First Division of the League, meet Eastern Athletic Association, fresh from their successes in Manila.

Despite their early season lapses, Royal Navy have given many sparkling performances lately, and accounted for South China A., Middlesex, Club and Royal Scots in a run of successes.

The Senior Service will be fielding a powerful side and, on current form, should fully extend the powerful Eastern combination, which will include three Shanghai (Lido) stars, who performed so successfully in Manila a fortnight ago.

THE TEAMS

Eastern's line up will be Lau Hing-on; N. Z. Lee, who is a former Shanghai Interport centre-half, and Tsang Chung-wan; Lou Tse-tan, Hsu King-sing, Hongkong's Interport left-half, and Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sam, Cheung Kam-hoi, Lee Tacko, Y. K. Hui, Shanghai Lido centre-forward and Interport reserve, and either C. T. Tsao, former Shanghai Interport left-winger, or Hui Ching-to, Hongkong Interport left-winger.

The Navy team will be Robinson, Interport goalkeeper; Roughly and Honiwell; Honeywell, Nichols and Britt; Phippen, Le Page, Hendy, Thornburn and Bourne. Reserves, O'Regan, Forrester, Goodwin and Nicholson.

The match will commence at 4.30 p.m. and is in aid of British Naval Charities and the Chinese Friends of the Wounded Movement.

M. Pagh Wins Club Handicap Singles Title

M. PAGH, Hongkong C.C. tennis champion, with a handicap of -30/3, beat A. H. Barwell (-1/6) by 3-6, 6-3 in the final of the Handicap Singles competition yesterday. Pagh has thus won his second trophy.

The tennis was hardly of a high standard. Pagh featured some hard driving, but for the most part received little opposition from his opponent.

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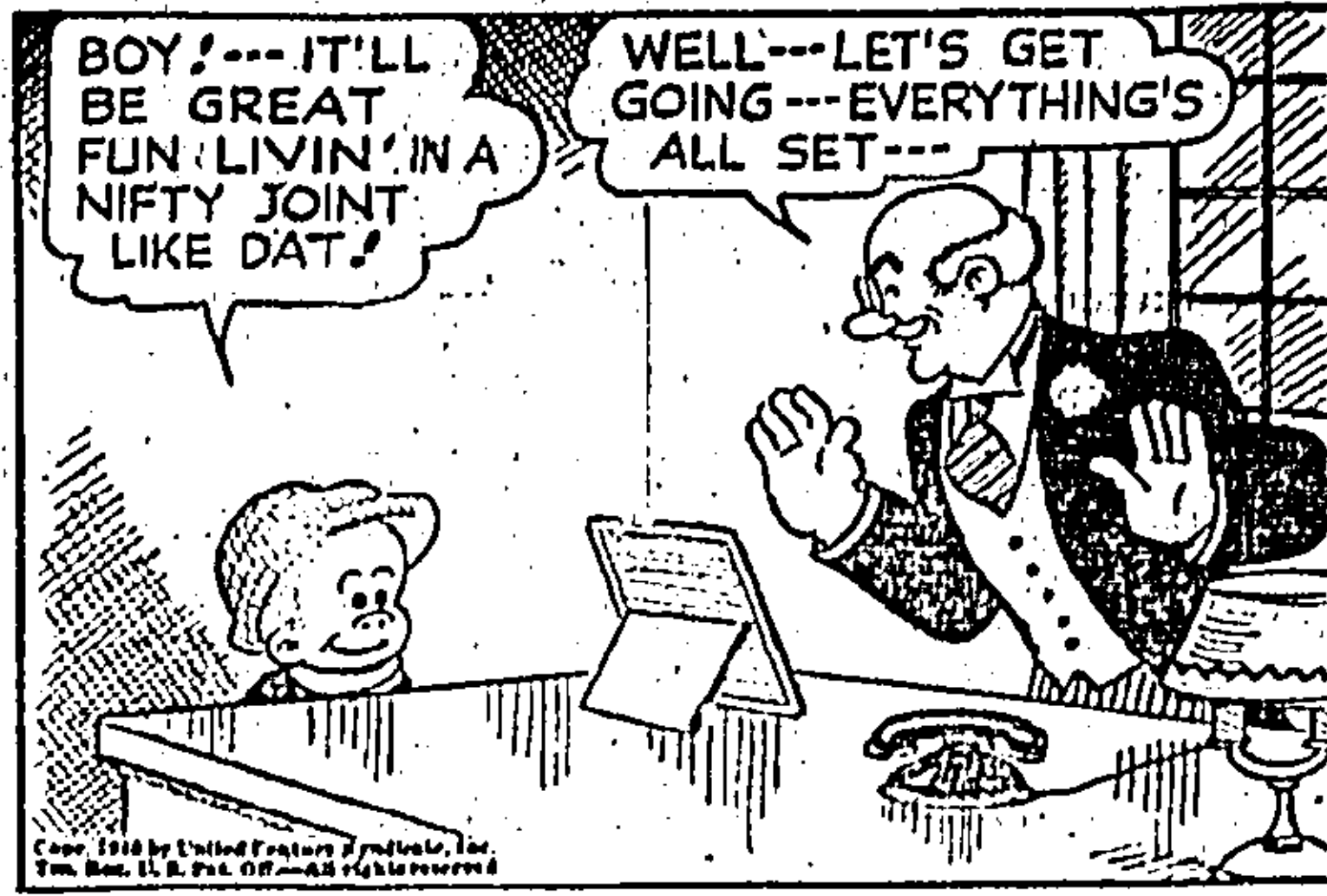
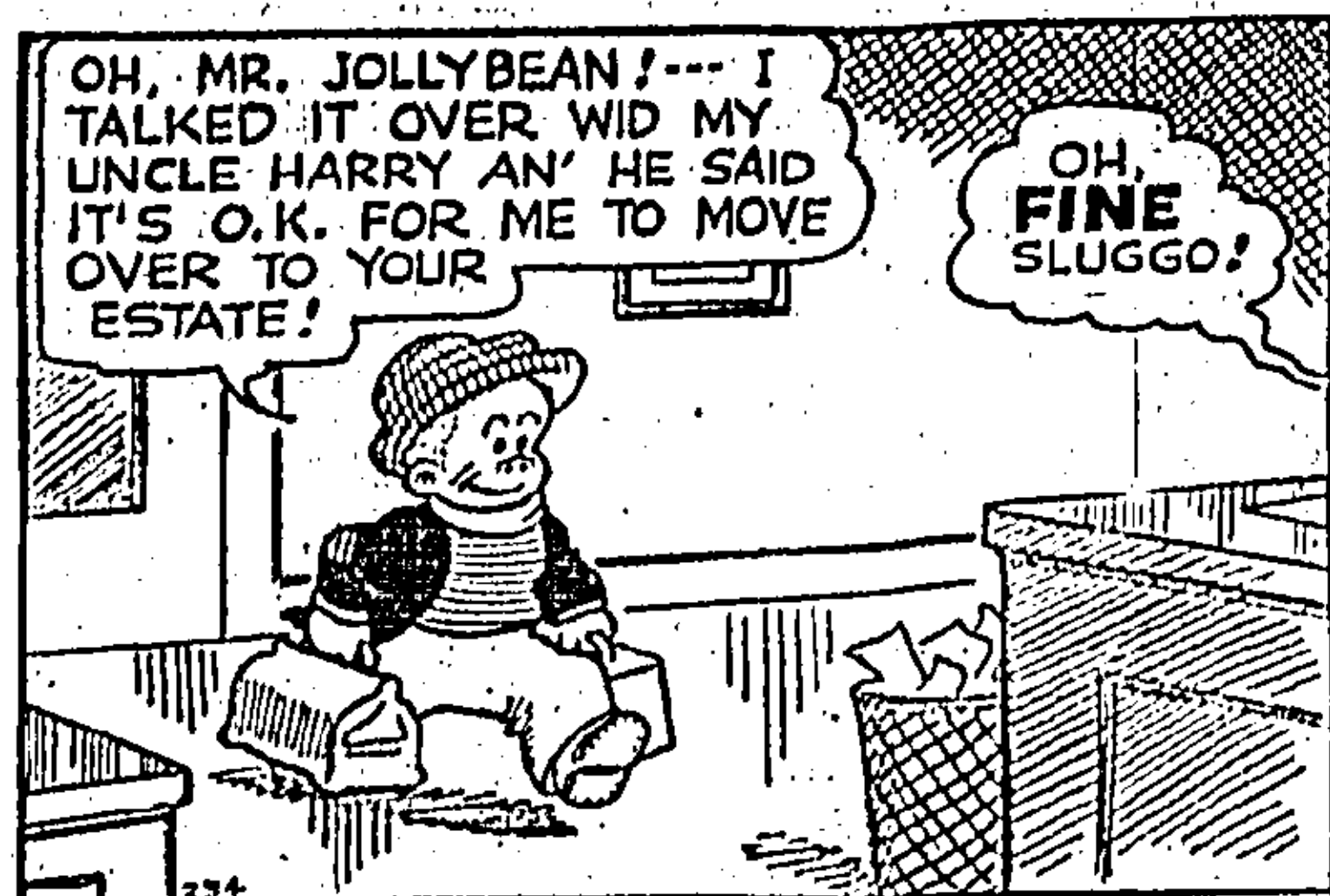
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UNHAPPY DANES

Hard Life Under Nazi Domination

AMSTERDAM, May 2 (Reuter).—Life in Denmark to-day is described by the Copenhagen correspondent of the Liberal newspaper, "Afgemseen Handelsblad."

Only a part of the picture is presented, for sections of the message were cut out by the German censor.

A variety of rules, orders and prohibitions were issued at once. He says that efforts were promptly made to change the whole economic life of the country.

Strict Rationing

On the first day prices were controlled. This was followed immediately by rationing of almost all important foodstuffs.

Petrol was not only strictly rationed, but all stocks were confiscated. This alone threw 85,000 Danes in the motor business out of work.

All through the country, the Danish people are having to adjust themselves completely to a new way of living, the correspondent continues.

Drinking Prohibited

Considerable precautions have been taken to make hostile demonstrations impossible. All meetings are forbidden. The ban even extends to university graduation ceremonies.

Wine and spirits are forbidden. Danes may only drink light beer. Their famous dark beer is prohibited. This is causing strong resentment.

Developments since the Nazi occupation have taken the Danish people by surprise. They thought they were on friendly terms with all their neighbours. This makes their present helpless position all the more bitter.

Paper Money For Danes

COPENHAGEN, May 2 (UP).—The Nazis in occupation of Denmark have ordered the withdrawal of the Danish half-crown and two crown coins.

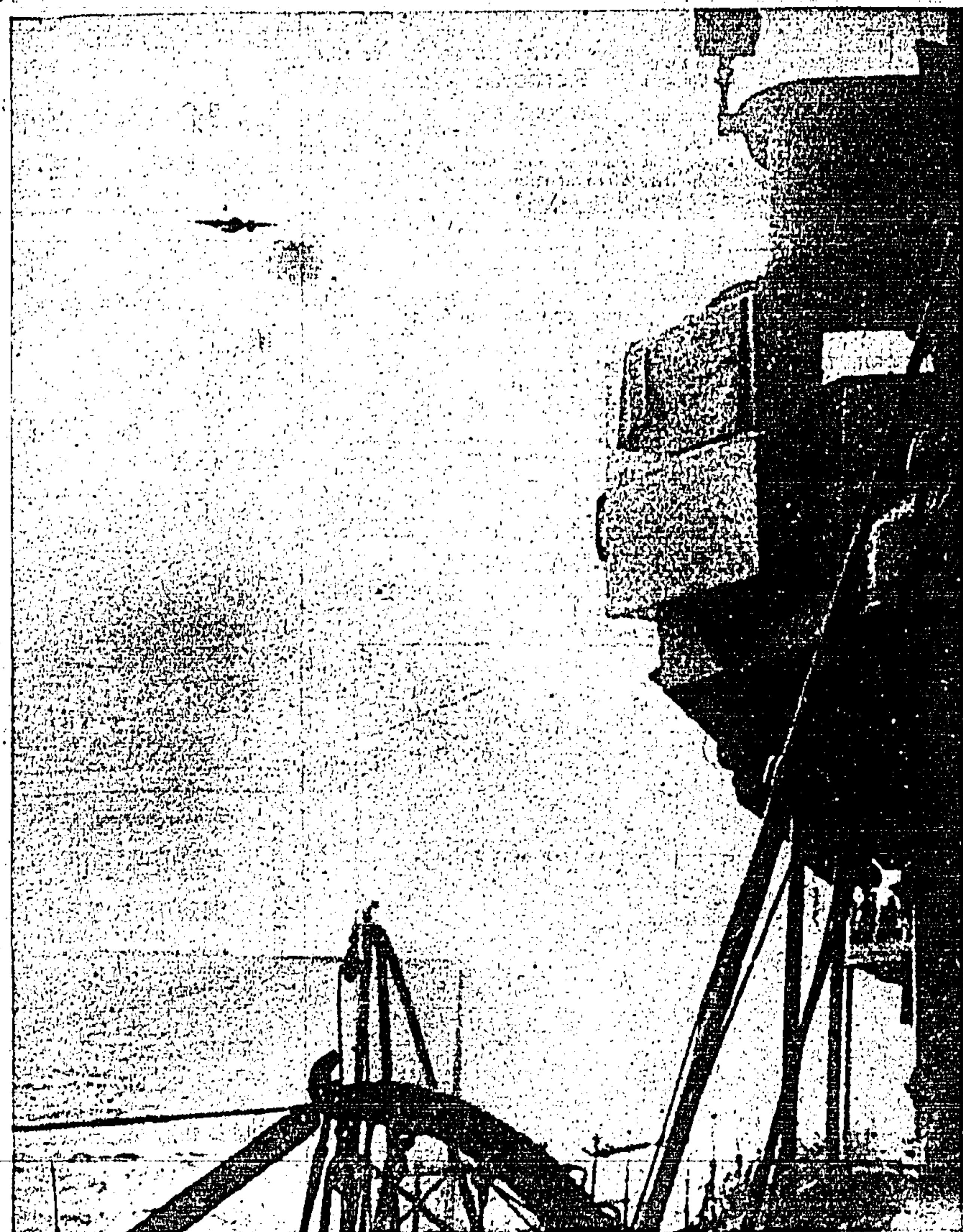
They will be replaced by paper money.

KING HAAKON EVACUATES

STOCKHOLM, May 2 (UP).—His Majesty King Haakon and the Norwegian Royal Family have, with the Norwegian Government, evacuated Molde, which is 28 miles from Andalsnes.

His Majesty and the Norwegian Government are now en route to an unknown destination in northern Norway, according to a Norwegian spokesman.

NAZI BOMBERS ATTACK A CONVOY



Western Front Activity

PARIS, May 2 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué says that there was activity of contact units.

An encounter between patrols in the Vosges turned to our advantage. During operations in the North Sea, one of our destroyers was seriously damaged. One of our patrol ships was sunk by a mine.

On the other hand, one of our submarines torpedoed an enemy submarine.

MID-HARBOUR RESCUE

TWO POLICE officers, one a recruit who only recently joined the Hongkong Police Department, were instrumental in saving the life of a 60-year-old woman who allegedly jumped from the ferry Meridian Star as it was crossing the harbour last night.

The woman, Lau Chai-kwan, is now in Kowloon Hospital. When the alarm was sounded, No. 8 police launch was in the vicinity. Lance Sgt. North, who was aboard the police launch, immediately dived overboard and was joined by Police Constable Jack.

The two men seized the woman and held her until the police launch came along side and dragged all three aboard.

PUPPET CHINESE TO TAKE CONTROL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NANKING, May 3, (UP).—It is officially reported that the Japanese military authorities have decided to permit puppet Chinese to take over policing duties on the railway lines in central China.

The lines affected are the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, the Shanghai-Hankow Railway and the Soochow-Kashing Railway.

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9.16 F. C. Chandler, I. H. C. Highet.
9.20 A. N. & G. T. Butlin.
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9.28 I. P. Tarnworth, N. D. Lloyd.
9.32 E. C. Young, J. W. New.
9.36 G. E. Kerr, R. M. Wood.
9.40 E. G. Price, C. C. Stark.
9.44 A. B. Safford, J. L. Oswald.
9.48 I. H. Gear, K. S. Morrison.
9.52 W. W. C. Shewan, A. McKellar.
9.56 L. Cdr. Murray, H. H. Mundy.
10.00 J. W. Clague, P. E. Annis.
10.04 G. Thomerson, A. S. Alston.
10.08 E. Bathurst, R. H. de Lisching.
10.12 A. B. Purves, S. H. Dodwell.
10.16 H. Young, J. C. Taylor.
10.20 A. Redmond, T. E. Pearce.
10.24 L. R. Cramer, F. A. Howard.
10.28 M. Pollock, J. B. Harrison.
10.32 A. K. Macdonald, K. S. Robertson.
10.36 J. Linaker, J. J. van Muijen.
10.40 A. C. I. Bowker, A. H. Penn.
10.44 D. H. Clark, R. C. Stewart.
10.48 C. Austin, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.
10.52 J. Megarry, Wing Cdr. Steele Per.

Greece Calls Up More Reserves

ATHENS, May 2 (Reuter).—Ten classes of reserve officers are called up for a month's training. They will be called in four series, the first of which must report on May 15. The highest rank of non-commissioned officers is included in the call-up.

Mr. Grew Going On Short Leave

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, May 2, (UP).—Mr. Joseph Grew, the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, has changed his plans to proceed to the United States on short leave. He will now remain in Tokyo.

REACTIONS TO SPEECH

Favourable Comment By Neutrals

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—Brussels papers admit that the Germans have obtained important successes in Norway, but whereas some of them suggest that these are decisive, others take a more objective view.

Many papers pay tribute to the British press for its honest realism and point out that the British public supports ill-fidings better than any other.

The "Nation Belge" says that German losses at sea are undoubtedly heavier than those of the Allies.

Raids, Becoming Rare

The "Meuse" says: "It is notable that the German attacks in the North Sea are becoming rare and raids on British bases are exceptional. This proves that the Scandinavian efforts are heavy for the Reich. They seem to cost 500 tons of oil daily without counting about 40 transports sunk in the short interval, constituting a serious loss of tonnage, arms, provisions and men."

Judgment Suspended

AMSTERDAM, May 2 (Reuter).—While Mr. Chamberlain's statement was read with interest in Holland, the general verdict of the public to-night was that judgment must be suspended until events in Norway are further clarified.

There is no disposition to attach undue weight to the general claims of successes, and the actual facts of the Allied landings and air force bombings have made a considerable counter-impression.

Mr. Chamberlain's reference to Holland is not commented on officially, but the Dutch attitude is that they are now well-prepared to tackle any would-be invader.

Washington Opinion

WASHINGTON, May 2 (Reuter).—Mr. Chamberlain's announcement of the British withdrawal from Andalsnes is felt to be inevitable in military circles here because of the start the Germans obtained.

For some time past the opinion has been expressed in these quarters that the German Norwegian campaign was in the nature of a decoy. The refusal of the British to fall into this trap despite the adverse effect such a decision might have on public opinion is held to be wise.

Rumours have been current in diplomatic circles since the Scandinavian invasion that not only was it a prelude to an Italian drive in the Mediterranean area agreed upon at the Brenner meeting between Hitler and Mussolini, but also that Hitler might attempt to better Napoleon by staging a raid on England herself through Holland.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech also helped to correct the impression of a German success due to efficiency by emphasising German treachery and violation of international standards of conduct.

FOOD SITUATION WELL IN HAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 2, (UP).—The Ministry of Food announces that it has assumed complete control over flour and other milled wheat products.

A decree has been issued, reserving wheat for human consumption except in cases where other uses are specially licensed.

The new order is expected to result in the diversion of milled wheats from animal feeding to human foodstuffs, and possibly forestall the introduction of a standardised loaf of whole wheat bread, similar to that which appeared during the 1914-18 War.

Another Gesture To India

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—On behalf of the British Government, the Viceroy of India will welcome any plans for the setting up of a committee in which representatives of public opinion could discuss various points of view.

This was announced to-day by the Under-Secretary for India, Sir Hugh O'Neill.

He said that any plans for such a committee must obviously come from the parties directly concerned.

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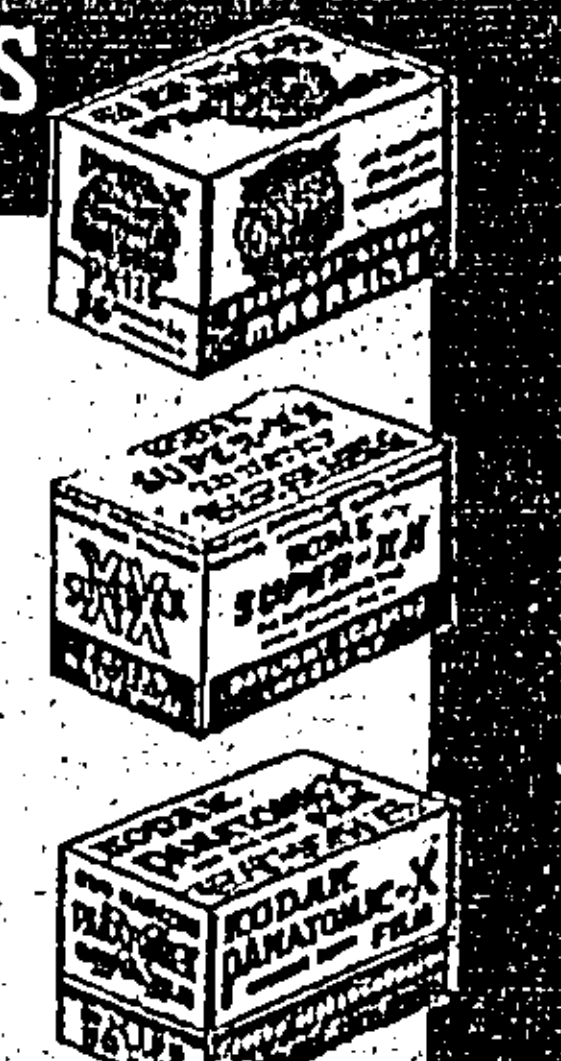
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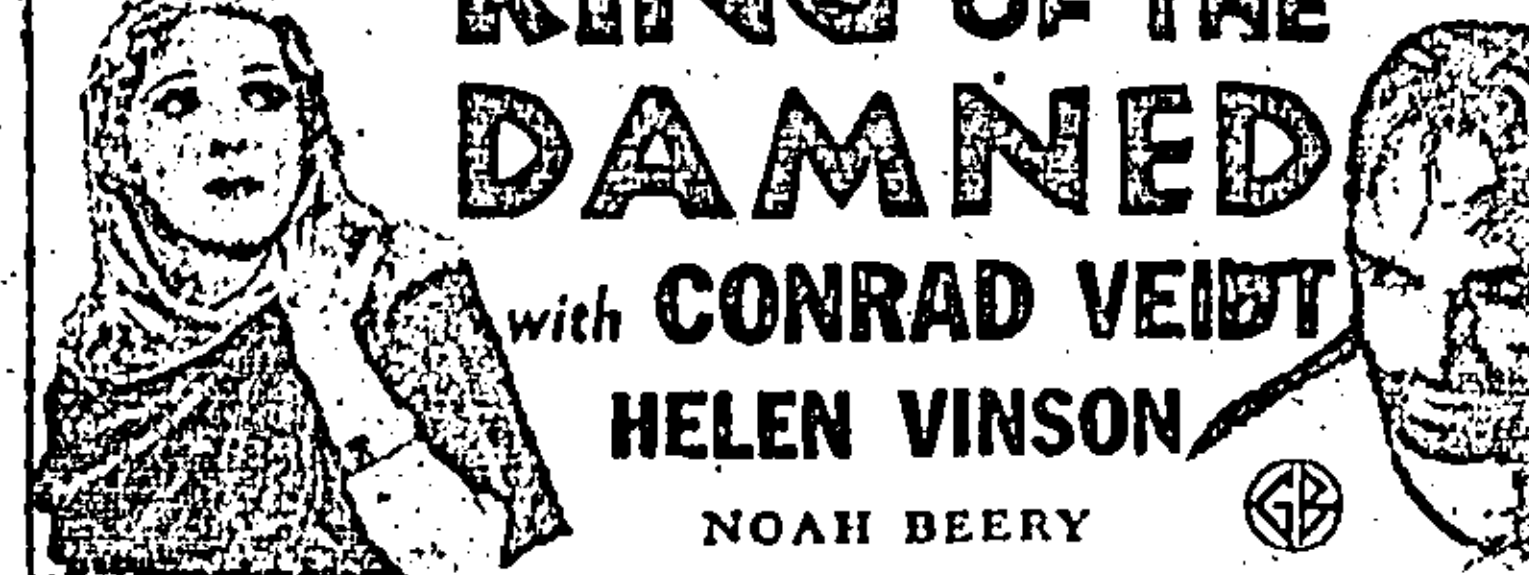
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Letter to Wife: Secret Weapon

A LETTER written by a man to a married woman was referred to as her husband's "secret weapon," by Mr. Justice Hallett in divorce proceedings at Manchester Assizes.

He granted a decree nisi to Mrs. Betty Combes, of Ayres Road, Old Trafford, Manchester, who petitioned for divorce on the grounds of alleged misconduct by her husband, Sydney Combes, a salesman in October, 1938, with a girl now aged 17.

Respondent and the girl named denied the allegation.

Granting the decree and giving Mrs. Combes custody of the child of the marriage, Mr. Justice Hallett said:

"It was quite clear that when Mrs. Combes presented her petition there was another man who was violently in love with her, and whom she admittedly desired to marry if she obtained a decree."

The impression on his mind, continued the judge, was that respondent did not intend to defend the case at all until he got hold of this letter.

"He suddenly discovered the secret weapon to put an end to these proceedings. As a matter of law he was wrong."

Speaking of the evidence given by Mr. Combes and the girl named, the judge said to his mind it did not ring true.

THE BOOK

Our very first need in present times is a radical renewal in the life of every individual—a renewal that can come only if we return to the New Testament, the very source of Christianity, said Queen Wilhelmina of Holland in a speech recently.

LATE NEWS

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Regulations will be that no person will be permitted to enter the prohibited areas.

No person will be allowed to enter designated waterfront property without necessary permits. One of the effects of this will be that it will be necessary to obtain permission before meeting arrivals by steamer or before saying farewell to departing friends.

Sampans, junks and launches will, it is understood, be barred from entering the harbour limits designated in the "Gazette."

Sloop Sunk By Nazi Aircraft

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 2 (UP).—An Admiralty communiqué issued to-day announces the loss of H.M.S. Bittern, a sloop of 1,190 tons, commanded by Lieut-Commander R. H. Mills.

"This ship was repeatedly attacked by enemy aircraft," says the Admiralty statement on the loss of the vessel.

Bittern Crew Saved

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—The Germans announced on Wednesday that the British headquarters in Namoros had been bombed and that a destroyer had been sunk.

Presumably this destroyer was the sloop Bittern, which the Admiralty announced yesterday had been set on fire after a prolonged battle with Nazi aircraft.

One of the German planes was shot down and others were severely damaged.

The Bittern was sunk to avoid becoming a danger to navigation. Her crew was taken off by another warship. No casualties have been reported as yet.

Approves Gandhi's Campaign

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—A "New York Times" editorial approves of Gandhi's virtual renunciation of civil disobedience.

Japan's Aims In Pacific

Sharp Commentary By Bucharest Paper

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—The Bucharest paper, "Cur-rentul," in a leader on Pacific questions, says:

"It is difficult in the present circumstances to find a policy satisfying Japanese needs."

Holland has shown proofs of real sympathy for Japan and encourages all European tendencies to organize a just division of raw materials.

"Japan, on the other hand, is not inclined to wait for European principles of organization in Asia. The powerful current of Japanese Imperialism in Asia has won over public opinion in Tokyo."

LONG STRUGGLE AHEAD

Neutral Sources Warn Rome Of Situation

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—In Rome, while messages from Berlin continue to appear in the Italian Press under headlines announcing German triumphs or Allied reverses, there are constant references, in comments and many messages from neutral sources, to the recognition that the struggle will be long and that the outcome is impossible to foresee.

One despatch from Stockholm states that the situation in southern Norway is still in a fluid state, that there is no establishing of fronts and that operations have been so far conducted by relatively limited forces so that unexpected reverses may be experienced by either side.

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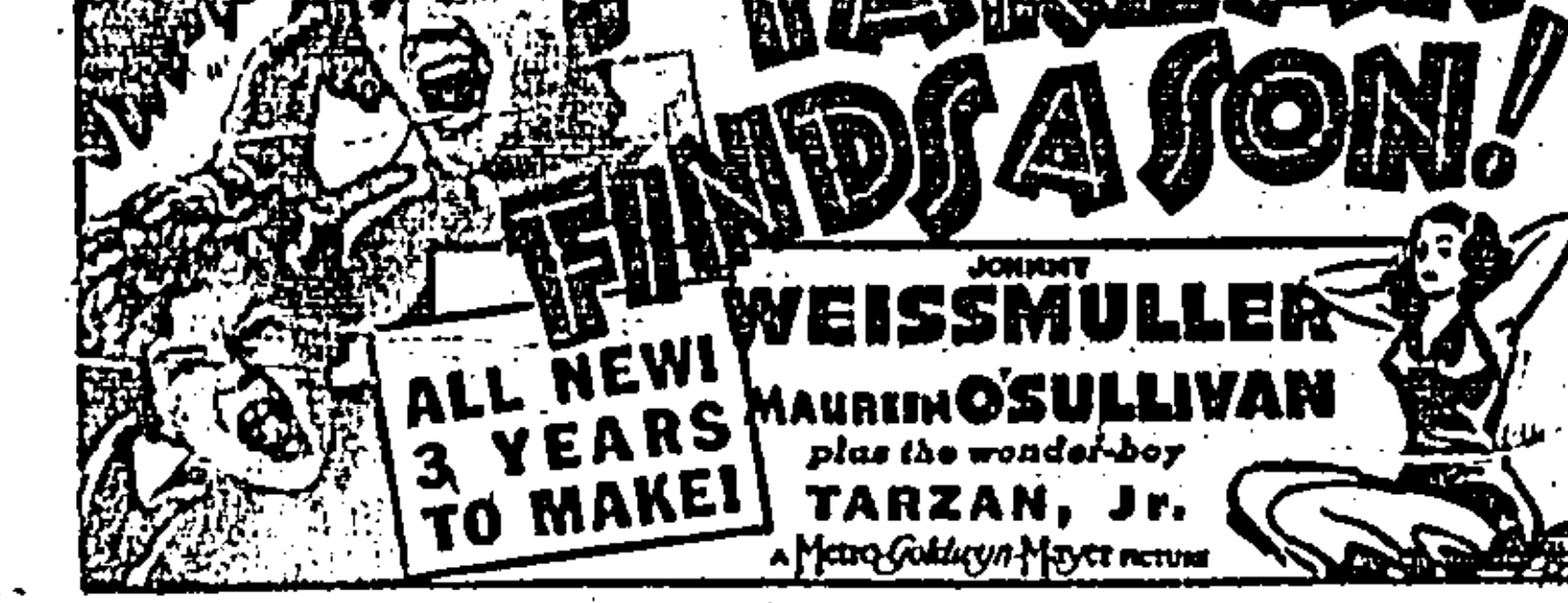


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